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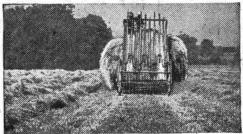
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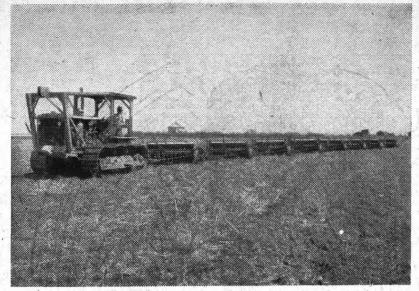
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Orchard grass has proven to be a highly productive and palatable grass, and one that recovers quickly after grazing. It should be included in all pastures within the range of its adaptation, which is the chinook area of Southern Alberta. Alberta. Bromegrass is another high yielder, and although it becomes sod bound in three to four years, it will add materially to the mixture.

Creeping red fescue is a good pasture grass, and is especially useful because of the late fall growth it makes. White Dutch clover or Ladino clover is a suitable legume to include in a permanent pasture. Ladino clover is a giant strain of White Dutch, and would be preferred in the chinook area if a hardy strain is available.

For a permanent pasture, the following mixture, and rate of acre.

Orchard grass, 7 lb. per acre. Bromegrass, 7 lb. per acre. Creeping red fescue, 7 lb. per acre.

Ladino or White Dutch clover, 2 lb. per acre.

A simpler mixture which is highly productive under mild winter conditions, such as in a sheltered area, is:

Orchard grass, 14 lb. per

Ladino clover, 3 lb. per acre. For areas outside the orchard grass range, a suitable mixture is:

Bromegrass, 7 lb. per acre. Creeping red fescue, 7 lb. per acre.

White Dutch clover, 2 lb. per acre.

If the supply of irrigation water is limited, crested wheat-grass and alfalfa could be substituted for creeping red fescue and White Dutch clover in the above mixture, or if there is trouble from excess moisture, use a mixture of:

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Even without the final payment the British controls were good

THE uproar over the final payment to Prairie Wheat Growers is dying down. That being so, perhaps it would be useful to take one last, dispassionate look at the subject. The best perspective for such an examination is the viewpoint of the world we live in, not from some theoretical mountain peak eternally beclouded by woozy economic theories.

In the world of today, Prairie farmers are still prisoners of the surplus wheat they produce. That surplus must be sold abroad and the bulk of it must be consumed by the people of the British Isles. So the first fact to be faced is this: Regardless of our feelings about the wind-up of the British contract, we have to go on doing business with the British. We can't get mad and take our business elsewhere because there is no "else-where". It may help us, in facing up to this fact of life, to take a long view of the contracts. That, certainly, will take a great deal of the sting out of our disappointment over the final settlement.

One way of judging the worth of these contracts is to ask ourselves where we would have been two years ago without them. If we had followed the Winnipeg Free Press of gouging our allies till the blood dripped, perhaps we might have obtained a few cents more in the first years of the contract. The chance of that coming to pass are exceedingly remote. None of our allies had the money with which to buy our wheat in 1946 and 1947. The wheat they bought from us was paid for by the Canadian taxpayers. Would these Canadians have been silent if their taxes for mutual aid had to be doubled because Canadian wheat growers were demanding \$3 or \$4 a bushel for wheat.

In those years, the wheat growers did as every other intelligent Canadian businessman did. The auto makers deliberately sold new cars for less than jaloppies were bringing on the used car market. Tractor and combine manufacturers held the line even when those machinery auctions were sending used machinery prices sky-high. Ironically enough, even the Pool-hating newspapers were faced with an all-time record demand for advertising space; yet they kept their rates far below the level that the law of supply and demand would have established. They all refused to do what they demanded the wheat growers do—gouge their best customers unmercifully and disregard the future.

So on the first count of elementary human decency, something that only the fact-blind Grain Exchange advocates have been able to reduce to dollars and cents, the argument on behalf of the contracts is overwhelming.

But an even greater point in their favor is this: The existence of these contracts enables us to get more than \$400 millions in

Marshall aid dollars from the United States for our wheat surplus. Without the British contracts the American taxpayers would not have supplied dollars with which the British could pay for our wheat. What, then, would our wheat have been worth? Again the only way in which it could have been moved into consumption was by Canadian taxpayers paying Canadian wheat growers for the surplus to be given away.

We come, then, to the \$65,000,000 final payment as offered by the Canadian Government. As we have said before, the Farm and Ranch is convinced that in all equity Canadian growers have a right to look to the Canadian Government for a final settlement. The British contract was between the governments concerned. The British reneged on the contract. So naturally the producers look to their Government to carry it through. Having said this, we must add that we are by no means convinced that the Prairie growers, through their various leaders, were wise in asking for a 25 cent payment.

In the first place, such a demand was politically naieve. For a region so hopelessly outnumbered politically to have expected any Canadian government to come through with a \$200,000,000 payment to wheat growers was rather childish. Indeed we think the emphasis was all wrong. It is true that a 25 cent payment now would have been nice to have. But "now" is not-the time we worry about. What of the future?

Would it not have been better all around if, using our impregnable position on the contracts, we had worked to get adequate floor price guarantees for the future? Perhaps it is not yet too late to get on with this campaign from another angle.

One of the points made in the request for a further payment at this time has been the price at which wheat was sold Canadian consumers during the war. Canadian farmers subsidized Canadian bread eaters to the tune of 50 cents a bushel during the war. That was obviously gross discrimination against the producers for if bread prices were to be subsidized that should have been done by the state, not by the people who grew the wheat.

It was politically impossible, apparently, to do anything about this problem. Any payment to wheat producers would have brought demands from lumber producers, who were also forced to keep domestic prices down. (The comparison is by no means exact for the lumbermen were permitted to cash in on a booming export market.) But because the Government apparently felt that any payment to wheat producers on that score would open the flood gates of demands from others, nothing will be forthcoming.

But the case of the wheat growers is so good that it should not be dropped. Let's concede that we won't get anything in the way of a cash payment now. But instead of ranting and raving over the British contract final payment, let's set our sights on something constructive. Let's get some steam behind a drive that will provide us with an adequate floor price policy for our wheat that will protect the people of the Prairie farms from the economic storms of the future.

Premier Manning's lame excuse

THE press reports of Premier Manning's speech on the Alberta Government's power policy were unfortunately sketchy. So we may be doing him an injustice, but his defence seemed a rather pedestrian effort to emphasize the obvious. In his favor, however, is this fact — it is so difficult to find any defense for his Government's power policy, any defense is bound to appear pretty lame.

Mr. Manning's main point was this: If there was to be electrification of the farms of Alberta, it could only be done if urban users were charged higher rates. Well, what's wrong with that? Is this not precisely what is done generally by all business today that seeks the maximum distribution of its product? The extra charges levied in the heavily populated areas are insignificant. High volume of business is what does the trick.

Take tooth-paste for example. The price in Calgary or Regina or Winnipeg is usually the same as it is in Youngstown, Dafoe or Morden. It probably costs the maker 10 times as much to service the small store in the hinterland as it does in the cities. But a minute fraction of a cent on his entire sales will cover the cost of servicing special areas. And that is true all through the piece.

It is less costly to Calgary power to deliver 100,000 horsepower of electrical energy to the city of Calgary, which does the distribution, than to take small quantities to outlying farms. In the cities all distributors of power charge more than is necessary for the actual power in order to pay for distribution systems. The city power companies not only bring power to the property of the home-owner, they connect it to the house.

How many homes in Calgary would use electricity today if the owners had to put up \$1,500 or more in cash to bring the power to the property line? Yet that is what faces the farmers of Alberta who are close enough to power lines to get power.

Have the farmers any less right to electric power than city dwellers? No. Will they use less power? No, they will on the average use very much more for they have more machinery to operate. But because in the nature of things farm houses are located farther apart than city houses, the farmers are barred from using electricity.

In Manitoba, which Premier Manning seems to find an embarrassment, a more sensible system is in operation. The Manitoba Hydro brings the power to a farmer's fence line. He brings it the rest of the way. Under the power-pool system, this main distribution charge will be spread over all the

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users of power in the province. In Alberta, the cost of building a power-line from some remote transmission line to his farm makes it impossible for many an Alberta farmer to think about having electricity.

In all this we are not picking a quarrel with the Calgary Power Company. Being in business to make a profit, it cannot possibly afford to electrify rural Alberta. Instead it is concentrating on the more heavily settled areas. When this programme is complete it will effectively doom the rest of Alberta to going without power. In order to make distribution possible to the farming

areas, these more thickly settled districts are essential in order to spread the cost evenly over the whole people.

Where the quarrel with Premier Manning, however, is the implication in his speech that rural electrification would only be possible if a substantial levy was made against the people who now have power. Rural electrification of Alberta could be made possible, for example, for a great deal lighter impost, comparatively, than Premier Manning imposes on the telephone users in Calgary and elsewhere outside the Edmonton city limits.

Let's take the hobbles off the Canadian people!

It was fortunate indeed for the United States and Britain that they reached economic maturity before the income tax was invented. And it is Canada's bad luck to be only now going through a great indústrialization and resources development programme. We have had an income tax for 30 years. We got it before we had really started to grow. Now we're like the small boy trying to contain himself in last year's pants.

Let's face it. Our Canadian income tax laws load the dice in favor of sloth and against enterprise; in favor of security and against risk; in favor of a static and against an expanding economy. They load the dice in favor of old Canadians and against young Canadians.

If you are already in business you can do all kinds of things. Suppose you inherited an oil business from a relative. Being in the oil business, you go out and buy some mineral rights from the Government. If you fail to find oil you can charge up most of the cost to your income and you won't pay taxes on it.

But suppose you are a young farmer who wants to risk \$1,000 in an oil venture. You put up the money with some friends and likewise get a dry hole. You can charge the loss up to experience and to no other place. That's a capital investment in the eyes of the income tax law. You can't deduct it from your income for taxation purposes, even if it did come out of your actual income.

In the eyes of our law, anybody who hides his money in a box in the ground is encouraged. Anybody who tries to make his cash grow, is discouraged. This is the Biblical parable of the man with the talents in reverse

In the United States, where the proper value is placed on risk taking in the development of natural resources, no such nonsense is tolerated. There all the people who risk their capital in development of resources can charge part of it up to their incomes for taxation purposes. There is an incentive, therefore, for people to take risks. Because they do the American people develop their own resources.

As our regular readers will recall, we have been rather strong in our criticism of Canadians for allowing our natural resources to be alienated to American capital. Most of our oil and gas resources in Alberta

have passed to foreign ownership. Our great iron deposits in Ontario, Quebec and Labrador are going the same way. But what incentive is there, really, for Canadians to go out and risk their funds in developing their country under a head-I-win, tails-you-lose income tax system?

Americans, on the other hand, get it coming and going. They can charge their Canadian expenditures against their other income at home. If they happen to strike it rich, they can also charge these expenditures up against their operating costs in Canada.

Thousands of pages of words are written every year about soil conservation and land improvement. But let a farmer start spending money on soil improvement and he will discover that it is most likely not a deductible expense. Clearing land of brush and planting it to grass is a capital investment. So is having a well drilled to provide water for livestock. The pump and motor for the well can be depreciated, but not the well itself. If you need more land in order to increase livestock production, the purchase of that land is a capital investment and cannot be charged against income. Then, if you reduce your herd and rent this land, the rental will be subject to taxation.

What this country needs right now is a lot less loose talk about inflation and a little careful attention to the problem of preventing inflation. The one way in which that can be done is by increasing our production of everything. That can be achieved in part at least by taking the hobbles off the people of this country. Turn them out to develop our resources, encourage them to risk their capital in developing Canada. As a first step in this direction a complete reappraisal of our whole approach to income taxes is a prime requisite.

The speculator was the farmer

IN connection with the Grain Exchange campaign to get its Monte Carlo operating again in wheat marketing, a couple of points may be worth passing attention.

Its attempt to couple our love for freedom with the futures market is a slick trick calculated to snare the unwary. But like most slick tricks, it is transparently false. Democracy was already in full flower before the futures market was invented by the Chicago millers 80 odd years ago. And even at its greatest peak, the futures market was used in the marketing of the world's goods only by very few specialized commodities. Then, when it became apparent that the futures market system did far more harm than good, it was modified or completely abandoned.

The position now taken by the Grain Exchange, that it believes in floor prices, is a confession that the system is no good. It is a confession that the futures market can only work to the satisfaction of the growers when they don't need it. When prices are driven down to ruinous levels, as they were in the early '30's, the futures market ceases to function. The Grain Exchange will then let the Government hold the bag.

This system only worked, if it ever worked, when it was world wide, when there were hordes of grain brokers in all countries franctically buying and selling grain. Today grain moves in channels controlled by governments. If all the brokers on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange worked 24 hours a day, they couldn't sell one bushel of wheat to one English mill unless the British Government took positive steps to permit the sale.

The second point is this: That nebulous stalking horse of the futures market apostles — the speculator — is being dusted off and kicked out into circulation again. He is the fellow who has a distaste for money, who is always in the market carrying risks so that the farmers get more and the millers pay less for their wheat. Who is this generous friend of man? In the main, in season and out when the futures market operated. he was the Prairie farmers who grew the wheat. He was the man who sold 2,500 bushels of cash wheat and then stepped into the market and bought futures in the hope the prices would rise. When they did, he hoped they would go higher and never sold. When they went down ,he put up more margin and eventually lost it.

It was the farmer who carried the hedges in the futures market. If the older farmers of this country had saved all their "p. and s." confirmations they could paper whole houses, not rooms, with them. It was no coincidence that when the farmers were ruined by the collapse in prices in 1930, the speculators who once bought wheat and carried the risks of hedges disappeared completely.

The farmers were the inveterate gamblers in the futures market. The others, the doctors, lawyers, businessmen, took fliers in the market only when it was front-page news. They stepped in when there was a speculative flurry, bought wheat and forced the price higher than it should have gone. When the collapse came, as it always did, selling out these speculators drove the market lower than it should have gone. But when the price was at bargain basement level, when nothing was as cheap as wheat, these speculators stayed out of the market in droves.

Let's be blunt about this! Why are the farmers of Western Canada more prosperous than ever before? Why have they paid off their debts, re-equipped their farms, got their families adequately clothed and fed? For one reason because for the last few years they have stayed out of the futures market. The money they once poured down that rat-hole has been used to buy things for themselves and their families.

I sometimes think — —

That all pension schemes are cruel and fradulent

By JAMES H. GRAY

small part in having a contributory pension scheme adopted where I worked. My part was in agitating for the scheme with my fellow reporters. Those were the days when there was mass unemployment and jobs were hard to get. We believed, all of us, in those days that if people had decent pensions to retire on they'd quit work and make room for young people.

A few weeks ago, I met some of my old friends who are about to retire on pension. They go out automatically at 65 years of age. I was thoroughly heartsickened at the contemplation of what I had helped to bring

Their pensions would have been small measured with 1935 dollars. Yet even when supplements by extra grants from the employer, they are wholly in-adequate for today. Yet the size of the pension is not the fraud I complain about. It is this terrible notion so prevalent today that you can judge a man's usefulness by his age.

These friends of mine are really in the prime of life. Given the chance to work, they have got years of useful service ahead of them. They are typi-cal of thousands upon thousands of other Canadians today. The aborigines drove the old and ailing out to die. In our so-called civilized society, we ease our middle-aged citizens out to die with pension checks.

Make no mistake about this, the pension check is the death sentence to people who have loved their work. Too old to get other employment, they have been too active too long to suffer idleness gladly. Our society brands them as "unwanted." Making a new life for themselves at 65 is impossible for all but the very few. They can only sit and brood themselves into illnesses that will mercifully shorten that lives mercifully shorten their lives.

The illusion that a man's usefulness can be measured by his age is at the bottom of it all. Yet the evidence that it is false is everywhere. Louis St. Laurent became prime minister of Canada at 67. John W. Dafoe was well past 70 when he put his name to the Rowell-Sirois Report. Herbert Hoover was 75 when he undertook the monumental task of planning the re-organization of the American government. Edison was over 65 when he invented the storage battery, over 75 when he perfected other inventions. Exceptions that only prove the rule? Nonesense!

The fraud in pension schemes in reality will be death sen-is the promise of something tences for the beneficiaries.

FIFTEEN years ago I had a that is never delivered. It can't be delivered because of the continuing, remorseless depreciation of the value of the dollar. We pay into these schemes in 1930, 1935, 1940 and 1945 dol-And we collect in 1955, lars. 1960 and 1970 dollars. We put in dollars and are repaid in quarters.

> There was, indeed, something very wholesome by comparison in the old idea that has gone out of fashion—that employers took care of aged employees. When men began to slip, they got easier jobs, perhaps at reduced pay. But they were still kept on the payroll and died with the feeling that they had lived completely useful lives.

> The secondary tragedy in all this is the state of mind that has been created among the young people of today. Young men in their 20's enquire in seeking employment if there is a pension plan. If there isn't one they won't take the job! But do any of them take the trouble to get to know a pensioner, to find out what it is like to be pensioned off?

> Ah, well, you may object, any kind of pension is surely better than no pension at all. Oh, is it? Before these compulsory retirement pension schemes came along people went on working as long as they could work. They were better for it and healthier for it. They had useful occupations, and being usefully occupied is an essential to life. Let those who doubt it read the obituaries in any newspapers. They'll be staggered by the number of men who work for 30 years then retire on pension and die within a matter of a very few months.

> And why do women live long-er than men? Perhaps because they never retire on pension. The pattern of their lives goes on when their husbands are pensioned off. They still have their work to do. They have the inner peace that comes from certain knowledge that they are useful creatures. Their lives are full of interests that are continuing things.

> Finally, there is the warped, cost-accounting state of mind in industry today that creates the illusion that a company is gaining something when it replaces a 65-year-old with a 20-year-old. Industry has been sold on pension schemes. It gets rid of the deadwood. also gets rid of experience and know-how that took years to acquire. So the prices of everything we buy are increased to pay for pension schemes which

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The times have changed for wheat marketing in Canada

Address by LEONARD D. NESBITT, Superintendent of Publicity, Alberta Wheat Pool Annual Convention of Alberta Rural Municipal Districts Thursday, November 23, 1950.

WHEAT is a key product in our agricultural economy and also in that of the world. It was the disastrous breakdown in wheat prices in the early 1930's which accentuated and prolonged the depression in the history of the world. During that calamitous era the price of wheat dropped so low that the farm price of 1 Northern in Alberta was 19c a bushel.

Being a basic product the price of wheat affects the price of all other farm products and particularly the kindred grains of oats and barley which provide the main source of feed for livestock. Therefore, if there to be any degree of price stabilization for farm products, wheat must first be dealt with.

Agricultural Revolution

The expansion of agriculture in the latter half of the nineteenth century brought about remarkable changes in the agriculture of the world. The development of rail and ocean transportation and the settlement of new lands in North and South America and Australia resulted in a flood of food production throughout the world, and changed the agriculture of the continent of Europe. Wheat became the main commodity carried by the world's transportation systems, and the marketing of this product brought about the development of grain exchanges in various parts of the world. In the Victorian era and for some years thereafter grain exchanges could operate with a degree of facility and effectiveness. In that period Great Britain was considered the predominant world nation. Britain followed a free trade policy and world wars were un-known. Gold was the most widely accepted monetary standard and currencies were relatively stable. Grain exchanges operated in Buenos Aires, Chicago, Minneapolis, Winnipeg, Liverpool, London and Rostov on the Don in Russia. In that period farming relied on animal power for its operations and, aside from its expansion into new lands, agriculture had made comparatively little progress in productivity for generations.

Since that era there have been two great World Wars; the continent of Europe has spent wealth accumulated over centuries; gold has gone into hid-ing; and currencies have the habit of fluctuating like aspen leaves in every passing economic breeze.

Governments in Business

There is now no free operation of any grain exchange in the whole world. Even in the United States, the home of free enterprise, where relative freedom is granted the grain exchanges, the government has provided a floor farm price for wheat of around \$2.00 a bushel. Most European governments have gone socialis-International trade is mainly government-to-government

Eighty-five per cent of Canada's export wheat sales last year were on such a basis according to Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of trade and commerce. The United States department of agriculture states that 80 per cent of that country's wheat exports have been on a gift basis.

Scientific Advances

The mechanization of agriculture and the application of the science to that industry has increased produc-tion immensely. Today, two men operating a tractor and a combine can do the work of 72 men harvesting grain with cradles and threshing it with flails. A generation ago the grain farmer worked most of the year in producing grain. Threshing it was a long-drawn-out process and it took most of the winter to deliver the grain. Such experiences are now past and gone. In 1947 half of the expected wheat marketings for the whole crop year in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta were delivered to country elevators by the end of September.

Increased Productivity

The application of science to agriculture has brought about an immense increase in production. The development of early ripening Mar-quis wheat alone was a remarkable achievement and Thatcher wheat's introduction has prevented the heavy losses from rust which previously occurred at irregular intervals in the United States mid-west and in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Early ripening wheat and other grains has extended the area devoted to their culture almost to the subarctics. Rescue wheat has halted the depredation of the wheat stem sawfly. The weed killer 2,4-D has increased production substantially by providing an efficient method of destroying weeds in growing grain. Science has made a striking contribution to the increased productivity on farms all over the world and particularly in Canada.

Governments' Changed Attitudes Prior to 1914 governments of the world's great nations paid little attention to the economic position of agriculture. World War I brought about certain changes, notably centralized buying and selling, which disturbed the historic laissez-faire turbed the historic laissez-faire economics. The depression of the early 1920s and the collapse in the early 1930s completely changed governmental attitudes towards agriculture. European nations were the first to adopt protective policies for their In the single year 1936 farmers. France, Germany and Italy maintained domestic wheat prices at levels which cost consumers in those countries \$700 million more than they would have had to pay had the grain been bought at world prices. Even India with her starving millions and poverty-stricken China imposed import duties on wheat.

THE United States government, finally adopted a price parity system

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which guarantees reasonably profitable returns to the farmers of that nation. The plan established a base period, 1909 to 1913, which is used for the calculation of parity prices. A government board, the Commodity Credit Corporation, guarantees floor prices by providing government loans at the established levels. Farmers can repay these loans during a specifled time or liquidate the debt by turning over the product to the corporation. The wheat price in that country, as mentioned before, is around \$2.00 a bushel, or 90 per cent as mentioned before, is of parity. The prices of other important farm commodities are similarly established on a farm level.

As at last summer some \$4 billion of government funds were involved in the price maintenance system in the United States, and the limit has been raised to \$6½ billion. While some critics may ridicule the United States farm program, the result has been an outpouring of food products on a scale previously undreamed of. In each of the past eight years the United States has produced crops of over a billion bushels of wheat. This occurred in only one year in the prior history of that nation, namely 1915.

Inflation and Deflation

During and immediately after World War I in Canada, farmers saw prices double and got quite excited about the situation. The boom ended in 1920 and deflation set in, with farm prices leading the procession vince that year totalled 160,000,000 bushels.

It was the remembrance of such events which lead the organized farmers of the west to demand price protection in the postwar years after World War 2; that and the fact that wheat prices had been kept under a low ceiling during the entire war. A study of history shows that deep depressions had always followed wars and our farmers did not want to undergo similar experiences to those of the early 1920s and 1930s.

Canada - U.K. Wheat Agreement

It was due to this pressure that the Canadian government entered into the Canada-Great Britain wheat agreement for the sale of 600 million bushels of wheat over a four-year period. That agreement has been the subject of a great deal of controversy ever since.

Critics of the Canada-United Kingdom wheat agreement maintain that it cost the wheat farmers of this country an immense sum of money, some figures going as high as \$600 million, and that it kept our farmers from participating in one of the greatest wheat booms the world has ever known; also that it has antagonized nations other than Great Britain because the Canadian Wheat Board charged them higher prices for Canadian wheat than the British paid.

Despite all the criticism of the wheat agreement with the Mother Country, it has had some notable ad-

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downward, as they had led it up, and again they went down faster and further. During the inflation farm taxes increased two and a half times prewar, wage rates 2¼ times, freight rates and farm machinery two-thirds above pre-war. In the years after 1920 farm land, which had soared in value, dropped not only as much as it has risen, but 27 per cent below pre-war levels. Yet farmers had to pay debts, taxes, wages, and other charges on the basis of land values double the prewar level. Only too many farmers lost their land and thousands were burdened with a debt load at heavy interest for many years.

The price of wheat fell to 77c a bushel, of oats to 35c, of barley to 42c, of hogs to \$11.50 and of cattle to \$25.00.

This situation brought about the first demand on the part of Canadian farmers for government intervention in marketing ,with a request for a continuation of the Wheat Board. This was denied on the grounds that the government had no power so to do in peacetime. It was not until 1935 that the Canadian Wheat Board was re-established, and then only after the depression had all but ruined our agriculture and our country. The average price of wheat in Alberta in 1932 was 32c. The crop in this pro-

vantages. Had Canadian wheat farmers insisted on extracting the highest possible price from Great Britain, they would certainly have no sound grounds for asking government support should price declines occur in the years ahead. At present the leaders of each of the main political parties in Canada have given assurance that such support will be forthcoming.

Other European nations were given the opportunity of making a similar wheat contract with Canada and they turned it down. Hence they have no grounds for criticism of the prices they paid for Canadian wheat.

The contract enabled Canada to dispose of 600 million bushels of wheat over a four-year period in an assured market, and the greatest continuing market in the world.

It created good will in Great Britain for Canada which was demonstrated only last year when British government representatives in conjunction with representatives from the Canadian government, persuaded the United States to allow Britain to use Marshall Plan funds for the purchase of Canadian wheat. That was strictly against United States government regulations as wheat is a surplus commodity in that country. Up until a month or so ago some \$500 million in Marshall Plan funds

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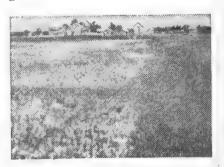
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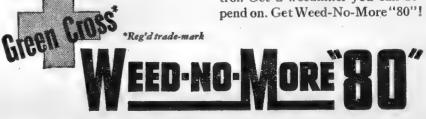
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have been used by the British to buy Canadian wheat and wheat flour. Had we charged the British \$2.50 or more a bushel for our wheat in the boom period that country would be most dis-interested in utilizing Marshall Plan funds to buy wheat here, particularly when free supplies were available in the United States. We might well have been left with a huge carryover at the present time had it not been for this trend of events.

The agreement provided the basis for a stable wheat price, not nearly as high as what prevailed in the United States it is true, but higher than that obtainable by the farmers of any other important wheat exporting country in the world.

Speculative Boom Prevented

That agreement and the closing of the grain exchange prevented wild speculation which always ends in a great bust. The experience of the years has shown that farmers prefer to go about their work of production without having to undertake the impossible task of guessing the high point of the market. All receive the same price, varied only by the different grades and the distances from the terminal, and all receiving a fair share of the market.

The high United States price has been used as a measuring stick to

Britain is the hope of democracy in Europe and anything we can do to help her is a contribution to the freedom of the world.

In prewar years Great Britain's commodity imports averaged around 23 million tons a year with a value of £1 billion. Payment was made to the extent of 60 per cent by exports and 40 per cent by the proceeds from investments, sales of shipping, insurance, hanking and other services.

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The cost of World War 2 necessitated the liquidation of much of the overseas investments. In 1948 such investments brought a return of only 5.5 per cent.

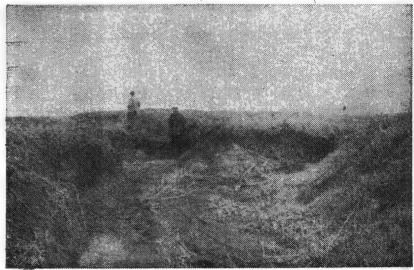
An idea of the extent of the normal British market can be obtained from the following figures of average annual imports in prewar years:

Wheat	224,000,000	bus
Other grains	154,000,000	bus
Pork1	,000,000,000	lbs.
Beef1	,500,000,000	1bs.
Mutton	617,000,000	lbs.
Butter1	,000,000,000	lbs.

Between March, 1946, and October, 1949, British food purchases in Canada totalled \$1,630,000,000. This represented 21 per cent of the total gross cash Canadian farm income.

International Wheat Agreement
The purpose of the International
Wheat Agreement is to create a

Water Erosion



This is what water did at Boharm, Sask., before the gulley was filled in and regrassed.

show the comparatively low prices of Canadian wheat. I doubt if it could have been possible, however, for our farmers to compel our government to subsidize wheat prices to the same extent as has the United States government. It may be worth a try.

The British Market

We must never forget that Great Britain is the world's most important food market. In that small island of 94,000 square miles are crowded 50 million people. In Alberta's 255,-000 square miles we have only 900 thousand people. If we had Britain's population we could have 25 cities of a million inhabitants and 25 million people scattered throughout the countryside in farms, towns and villages. The British are engaged in industry to the extent of 93 per cent, and 7 per cent in agriculture. The econ-omic position of that nation is extremely grave and her recovery will depend on the stable character, enterprise and courage of her people with the assistance of other democratic

measure of stability in international wheat marketing by providing an agreed upon price range within which buyers and sellers can operate freely. The idea of floor and ceiling prices is to prevent wheat going so low as to threaten the bankrupcy of producers, or going so high that importing nations cannot afford to buy, with a consequent tendency to strive towards self-sufficiency. The price ranges for the four years which the agreement has been signed are as follows:

	Maximun	n Minimur
	Price	Price
1949-50	\$1.80	\$1.50
1950-51	1.80	*1.40
1951-52	1.80	1.30
1952-53	1.80	1.20

These prices are based on 1 Northern wheat at Fort William and Canadian money as its value was in the spring of 1949. In September of that year the Canadian dollar was devaluated 10 per cent in relation to the United States dollar which increased the above prices by that percentage. In recent months the Canadian dollar

has gained a measure of freedom in relation to the United States dollar and is now at a discount of approximately 5 per cent.

The guaranteed quantities of wheat covered by that International Wheat Agreement this crop year total 534 million bushels of wheat. Last year the volume fixed was 437 million bushels. The allocations to the exporting countries are as follows:

			Bushels.
France .		************	3,800,000
Australia	t	*********************	85,000,000
Canada .			217,800,000
United S	tates		228,000,000

Up until a few weeks ago over 230 million bushels of wheat had been exported under this agreement, Canada supplying 83 million bushels of that total

Canada's Export Needs

Canada as an exporting nation, and particularly as an exporter of great quantities of food, must of necessity consider her customers. If we can continually offer them supplies of wheat at fair prices we have a much better chance to retain them as customers than if we soak them to the limit when scarcity and hunger compels them to buy from us, and then see them turn away from us when supplies throughout the world are We should never forget that we must, on the average, export around 250 million bushels of wheat a year to clear out the surplus, nor should we forget that our customers in Great Britain and Europe, as well as in Asia to a lesser extent, are much poorer than Canadian people.

National Incomes

The national income of the United States is running at an average of around \$1,500 per capita. In Canada the average is around \$1,100. The peoples of these two nations are among the richest in the world, whether or not we realize it. With around 8 per cent of the world's population the two nations produce and consume half of the world's wealth.

Three out of every five people in the world earn an average of \$40 a year, have a life expectancy of 30 years, a diet at subsistance level and an illiteracy of 78 per cent. Hunger, poverty, disease and ignorance are the basic causes of human unhappiness, the factors which cause wars. Hungry people will not keep the peace nor will they stay within their own boundaries.

The problem that faces the world

The problem that faces the world is how to increase food production to the limit and how to devise methods of distribution which will provide a reasonable return to the producer for such production. The speculative marketing system which penalizes huge production by low prices, and rewards scarcity with high prices does not appear to be the answer in the present day world. Farmers desire to produce as much food as possible but they do not want to be ruined in the process.

Time of Historical Crisis

We are now in a period of history in which terrible dangers beset the path of free men and free nations. We can meet the dangers which confront us only by realizing that we still are "our brothers' keepers." I believe that our farmers here in Western Canada understand their responsibility and have a broader world outlook than most people. I think that in the British Wheat Agreement and the world Wheat Agreement, they have shown a desire to treat their overseas customers decently and fairly.

Humanity cannot go back into history dragging out old fetishes which once put a spell upon the human We cannot even return by will power to that simplicity of mind which existed before the age of science. We cannot isolate ourselves from the spirit of the times. It would be folly to do so. We must re-adapt our minds to new conditions, not afraid of change, yet never abandoning those real values which belong to history and tradition. We must look forward to a new age when the production resultant from the application of science and labor given the widest and freest distribution. There will be many difficulties in the way of building such a world order. It will be a task for super statesmen, not for pygmies, politicians and the purveyors of racial animosities. But it can be done.

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The pendlum swings away from a free trading world

By B. T. RICHARDSON

OTTAWA:—The prospect that the general attack on trade barriers among the free nations, under United States leadership, may be grinding to a halt is causing some worry in Ottawa.

Highlight of the situation in the defeat suffered a month ago by the Truman administration in the House of Representatives in Washington in connection with the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, which President Truman wished to renew intact for three years. The House approved a three-year extension all right, but Republican and dissident Democrats got together and wrote into the act a series of restrictions that would destroy a good deal of its bargaining power in trade negotiations.

The United States Senate has the final word on the R.T.A.A., however, and administration leaders in the Senate have not brought that act forward for debate yet. The Democrats have only a two-vote ma-jority in the Senate, so the trade act could be badly mangled, perhaps destroyed.

Steady progress in international trade relations in getting barriers reduced has been made since the war. That era may be over now. Certainly the outlook has changed, as far as trade is concerned, in the light of the world political crisis and the Korean war.

Instead of trade concessions, the nations seem to be more interested now in a scramble for scarce materials needed for defence, for stockpiling and for building up reserves of military and economic strength. Liberal trade ideas tend to fly out the window under these circumstances.

At Torquay, England, trade negotiations under way for several months have admittedly made light progress. Designed as another round of trade agreements under the United Nations General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, the Torquay conference requires American initiative to a large degree. There is reputed to be a sharp split between low and high tariff countries, and the desire for economic self-sufficiency re-ceives backing in these days from the need for defence preparedness.

The Hull Approach

The Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act dates back to 1934 when Cordell Hull, then Secretary of State, secured its passage by Congress. It was to be used as the principal United States weapon in winning agreements among nations to lower their tariff walls. First under President Roosevelt and then under President Truman, the act has been used widely in writing a host of new trade agreements.

It has hitherto been renewed by Congress whenever it was to expire, though three years ago the Republicans in the Senate were able to write in modifica-The central feature of the act is its permission, given by Congress to the President, to lower U.S. tariffs by as much as 50 per cent of existing rates, in bargaining with other countries.

The present act is due to expire in June next, unless renewed. Renewal has been on the key point of the Truman for-eign policy program, and failure to win clear sailing in the House of Representatives was the first, important defeat in foreign policy suffered by President Truman in the present Con-

One stipulation, inserted by the House of Representatives, is that all concessions made in trade agreements by the United States government which affect farm products shall, not permit foreign products to enter the U.S. markets at prices equal or less than the price supports of American commodities. Such a provision, if put into effect, would automatically require Canadian products to sell in the U.S. market at prices above American prices that depend on government price supports.

"Peril Point"

The House of Representatives also restored the so-called "peril point" provision, by which the U.S. Tariff Commission would be required to determine the point, for every item of imports, below which tariff duties could not be reduced without imperilling American industry.

This clause was inserted, against President Truman's wishes, three years ago when the Republicans temporarily held control of Congress. It represents a considerable measure of high-tariff protection for U.S. goods, to be maintained despite any concessions offered by foreign countries.

The President's power to reduce tariffs below the peril point, under this clause, would not be abolished, however, but merely made subject to Congressional approval, and Congress would have to be notified within 30 days of any agreement involving a tariff reduction below the peril point.

Still another objectionable restriction inserted in the act was clause providing that the Tariff Commission could investigate claims of injury resulting rrom trade agreements, and recommend remedies. Still another change was a provision refusing trade agreements with Communist or Communist-controlled countries.

Debate in the House of Representatives revealed where the anxiety for tariff protection is appearing in American indus-Domestic products mentioned as being hurt because tariffs are too low included footwear, pottery, watches, oil and coal. Administration leaders in Washington have urged that the Act be renewed as part of the American program to promote world peace and prosperity. But meanwhile, unless the act is passed in the Senate before the end of June, the chief instrument of a liberal American trade policy will be denied to President Truman.

In a wide variety of trade agreements negotiated under the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act since it was first passed in 1934, the United States tariff has been reduced substantially from levels established in the Hawley-Smoot Act of 1930, or the earlier Underwood tariff act of 1922. If the result is that the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act is overthrown by the present Congress, then the U.S. tariff will not revert immediately to higher levels existing 20 years ago. But a defeat of the R.T.A. Act now would be a considerable victory for high tariff forces in the U.S. Congress, and a drive to raise tariffs might well develop.

The Truman administration would undoubtedly be thrown on the defensive, to defend the tariff reductions achieved during the past 15 or 16 years under the enlightened policy of making reciprocal concessions. The effect of a United States declaration to the world that no more tariff reductions will be made at this time would, in itself, do much damage to American leadership in world economic co-operation. Existing tariff agreements made by the United States government contain provisions for expiration and renewal. The present American tariff structure cannot be destroyed overnight, but it could be undermined by persistent attack in Congress.

Are you afraid of in-breeding? Then read this report

LIVESTOCK producers are of-ten afraid to use animals in their breeding programs that are even remotely related. In fact, many are very careful to constantly replace their sires with non-related breeding animals. However, much can be accomplished by following a definite breeding program and characteristics can be establish-

ed by inbreeding.

The report of swine breeding work conducted at the Government Station at Miles City, Montana, in co-operation with the Montana Experiment Station, illustrates that inbreeding can be an effective tool in de-veloping superior lines and desirable characteristics in swine.

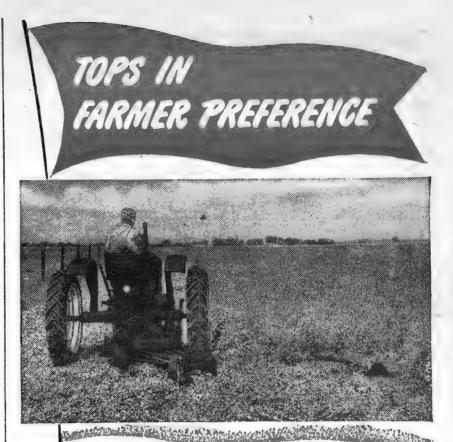
At Miles City, a number of superior Black Hamprace lines are being obtained by intense inbreeding. This work was begun there in 1947 by separating the original Hamprace line, which had developed from which had developed from crosses of Danish and Hampshire, into six one-sire lines and one two-sire line. By 1949 the average inbreeding of the one-sire lines ranged from 36 to 48 per cent; (which is very high) and the one sire line 36 per cent. On the average, individual performance has declined as inbreeding increased and was continued, but the decline was not uniform. In fact, in some of the important characters several of the lines were actually better in 1949 than when the work began. For example, one of the one-sire lines averaged of the one-sire lines averaged 12 pigs per litter at birth in 1949 as compared with 11.5 pigs in 1947. The same line averaged 9.7 and 8.7 pigs weaned per litter and 278 and 272 pounds in weaning weight per litter respectively. litter, respectively.

Evidence that intense in-

breeding does not necessarily lead to a more rapid decline in performance than milder systems was obtained from comparisons of the one-sire lines with the two-sire line. In these comparisons, three of the onesire lines excelled the two-sire line in litter size at birth; five, in litter size and litter weight at weaning; two, in weaning weight per pig; and one in individual weight at 149 days of age. The two sire line excelled all one-sire lines in both average daily gain and feed required for 100 pounds of gain from 56 days to a final weight of 225 pounds.

You may ask, what does this mean as far as most livestock producers are concerned in Wyoming. First, in general, it means that the commercial producer of cattle and sheep has little to worry about as far as simply getting his sheep or cattle so intensely bred as to have ill efects. The chances for any appreciable amount of inbreeding are very small even though bulls and rams are still used when there are some of their daughters in the herds. But even if there is, you may be following a good practice as far as tending to establish some uniformity and some good characteristics in your cattle or sheep.

Perhaps you should think twice before disposing of the better bulls and rams just be-cause a few of their daughters will be scattered through your breeding females. Serviceable age bulls and rams of top quality are hard to locate and high in price. If you do develop a ewe or cow herd rather uniform in breeding, then you can prob-ably benefit by crossing with another line within the same breed.



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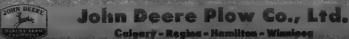
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IN small gardens where space does not permit the full development of large trees, good effects may be had by using specimens that are naturally of smaller proportions and may be kept within bounds by the judicious use of the pruning shears.

There is a wide variety of suitable material now available, providing interest the year round.

Rosybloom Crabapples are hardy, showy and well suited for small properties. The variety "Almey" is outstanding with large starry pink flowers and bright red fruits that remain on the tree throughout the winter. Plant one where it may be viewed from a window. It will be a joy when in full bloom and a source of winter interest as the fruits supply sustenance for

Canadians have not as yet taken full advantage of the improved plants developed in their own country. Enterprising nurserymen in the United States are alert to the merits of Canadian introductions and many thousands of "Almey" Crabapples as well as other plants of Canadian origin are propagated and sold each year.

The Ohio Buckeye (Aesculus parvifolia) makes a splendid, small specimen tree. The foliage is handsome and highly colored in autumn. Flowers are cream colored and showy, followed by interesting fruits. The tree requires no pruning, and is free of diseases and insect

Mongolian Oak is a slow-growing tree of special merit. It is low branched, completely hardy with deeply lobed, glossy leaves that take on high autumn color. A feature is the tenacity of its foliage. Brown leaves cling to twigs until mid-winter. The oaks enjoy a rich, deep soil -poor, dry soils retard growth and make for dwarf specimens.

Sweedish Basswood or Littleleaf Linden (Tillia cordata) is an ideal small tree, having low branches and well adapted to prairie gardens. It has many desirable feat res not the least is its yellow-pronze winter coloring of bud and twig. In June the tree is a mecca for the honey bees. Attracted to its fragrant, yellow, pendulant flowers that scent the whole garden in the evening. A well-drained spot in deep, moist soil should be chosen and a little shade is tolerable.

"Toba" Hawthorn can be used as a feature tree in small gardens. It deserves a sheltered spot, attention to pruning out dead wood, and cutting back strong shoots to keep the plant shapely. Young plants of this new, hardy, double-flowering hawthorn are now available in

green, glossy foliage, and double, flesh-pink flowers that, in-stead of fading with age as most flowers do, take on a deep pink shade, thereby retaining their beauty over a long period. The fruit or haws are bright red, plentiful and long lasting. "Toba" hawthorne is a choice Canadian shrub and worthy of a place with the best French Lilacs and Prunus triloba.

Mountain Ash or Rowan Tree (Sorbus) has large, compound leaves and panicles of creamy flowers followed by masses of searlet berries. The tree is fiery in autumn with yellow, orange, and scarlet leaves. Migrating birds take their fill of the fruits to that the glorious spectacle of

too, by season's end they are a fawny-bronze color, and even at this late date they glisten in the spring sunshine. Amur lilac is a shapely small tree that should be more widely used and might well replace common lilac as a non-suckering hedge lilac.

Besides the previously mentioned Almey Crabapple, there are two that are distinctive, namely, V.C. No. 3 and Strathmore V.C. No. 3 has foliage resembling the tender Corner sembling the tender Copper-Beech. The plant is naturally low-branched, sturdy, and may be kept in good shape with little pruning.

Strathmore is twiggy, redleaved and upright. Flowers are crimson, and not as freely borne as on the variety "Almey". Strathmore makes a fine redleafed hedge, requiring a minimum of clipping.

Schubert Chokecherry is as hardy as the native form, but

Moving the Water



Drag-lines like this will soon be plentiful in Southern Alberta as the Dominion Government water projects make more and more water available for irrigators.

fruit-laden trees can be short far more interesting. The folilived. Shade is welcomed about the base of the plant as exposed trunks often sunscald.

The amur form of the Japanese Tree Lilac (Syringa amurensis) is a choice small tree of merit. Flowering at a season of the year when the big parade of French Lilacs has passed, it commands special attention. The foliage is large, handsome and clean cut. Plants are hardy and healthy. Mature trees freely bear large panicles of creamy sweet-scented flowers. Seed

age, at first, green, changes to purple-red as the season ad-vances. By mid-summer the whole tree is clothed in purple-red leaves. Purple-black fruits abound on mature trees.

SEASONABLE HINTS

Early Vegetable Plants

Where sowings of celery, peppers, egg plant, onions, etc., were made last month they will now be ready for transplanting. Space them two inches apart in shallow boxes filled with a mixture of one-third each of soil, limited supply. Toba has dark pods have ornamental value, peat, and sand. Newly transplanted seedlings should be shaded from strong sunshine for a day or two, afterwards they should be placed in full sun to encourage sturdy growth.

While outside conditions at the time of writing these notes are anything but conducive to thoughts of spring, we must not lose sight of the calendar but take the first opportunity of fine weather to set up the plant frames so as to have everything in readiness for setting out the transplants at the end of the month, providing weather conditions are favorable and frost mats are handy.

If not already attended to, tomatoes should be sown without delay. Space the single seeds half an inch apart in well-drained pans or seed flats, and cover them with a quarter inch of sifted soil using the same mixture as advised for the celery, etc. Place a piece of glass over the seed box, and shade with a sheet of newspaper until germination takes place (5 - 7 days). 65° is required for satisfactory germination. Make no attempt to transplant the seedlings until the character leaves are well in evidence, spacing them three inches apart. Full sunlight is important if plants are to be sturdy and strong.

African Violets

Leaf cuttings of these popular house plants may be taken from mature plants and inserted in sand or half peat and half sand.

The stem of the leaf should be about two inches long, half of which should be buried in the sand. In three or four weeks these leaf cuttings will have rooted and may be potted into small (3 inch) pots. The young plants will emerge from the base and until they do the leaf should be left undisturbed. Success may be had by placing the leaves in water. Rain water is best, and a few pieces of poultry charcoal added to the water preserves its sweetness.

Now is the time to overhaul or repot any pot-bound ferns. Established ferns not requiring repotting may be given a teaspoonful of commercial fertilizer at fortnightly intervals, until the plant has received three or four doses. Newly potted plants require careful attention to watering. Too much water sours the soil and "yellows" the leaves. Plants that are well rooted require increasing supplies as the days lengthen.

"I Saw . . . "

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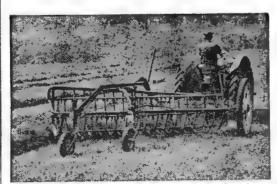
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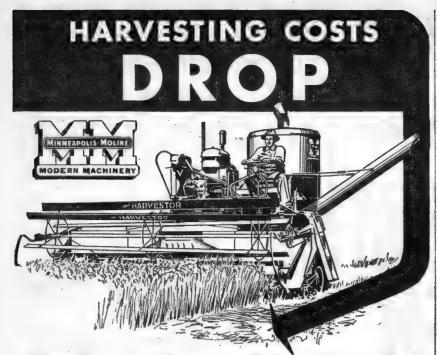
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The small farmer's struggle

After reading, "See Here Mr. Oldtimer" by Doug. Rathwell I had to write. Never a truer word said — its the best article I've read for a long time. The government is like the man who will spend his last nickle to make a big. shot of himself in town when his own family is starving.

It is fine to help the poor Europeans to get a new start, but Canada should help her own people first. There should be a way for the small farmer to loan money to get a good start. The present farm loan boards and banks are no good for the little man. We have clear title to ¼ section of land but after paying for the land and paying up to \$50 an acre to clear and break we have not been able to get any machinery.

When talking to a man here who has more money than he needs, he was saying he would like to invest some money in order to get more interest than the bank pays him. My husband told him he would like to borrow \$10,000 to buy another quarter of land and a line of machinery. He offered him twice the interest he is now getting and pay him back in three years. Besides as a bonus he would give him ½ of 1 percent of our oil rights. But no, he forgets when he was small and needed help.

Just a Small Farmer's Wife. Gage, Alberta.

Challenge to youth

I read the article in your Feb. paper written by Doug Rathwell and I was wondering if he and perhaps a lot of others would have the stuff in them to get out and prove up a homestead if they had a cnance.

It so happens that there is a lot of good land here waiting for someone to come and take it and now that we have a highway in here it is a whole lot easier to homestead than it was when you had to use horses. I think the government regulations are very fair. So I am writing a note to Doug which I will enclose with this letter and you can mail it please. I told him to write to me care of your paper, so if he does please send me his letter. I thought he might get discouraged if he knew where I live. A lot of knew where I live. people do get scared at the distance north.

But it is really a nice country down here and as my son and daughter are homesteading, I would like to get a bunch of the right kind of young folks to come and settle with them. Other than that I have no axe to grind. I am only interested in seeing the country settled with some of our own boys and girls. If you think it would be a good idea to run an article in your paper inviting other young folks to write to me through your paper I will be glad to write to all of them. There is lots of land here, plenty of room for a lot of people, but it won't last long now the highway is in.

I have always felt that our Canadian born kids have a right to some consideration as it is them we depend on to do the fighting for us in time of trouble, not the foreigners, and I am quite sure there are lots of them who would like to get started but the high price of land is holding them up.

A. R. Campbell. Fort Vermilion.

Farming and experience

In your issue of this March there are two letters that deserve more than a passing notice. These are to be found on page 34. "Restrict size of farms" and "No farms for young people". Let us deal with the first. I used to believe that too large holongs were not in the best interests of the country for obvious reasons. Having made observations over a few decades I have changed my mind. It all depends on the efficiency of the operations.

For far too long it has been general belief if a man or boy was no good for anything else he would do O.K. as a farmer. That is about the only calling that demands no qualifications. I am very pleased to have lived to see the time when some few qualifications are demanded by the V.L.A. You may say: "After all their screening some of their men fail." This is explainable by the fact that the V.L.A. is dealing with humanity. Some of us are born failures and that's that.

Now no one in his right senses would expect to buy a \$10,000 or \$20,000 layout with a token payment. No one, I am sure would expect a farmer to turn over his life's saving particularly to any one who has yet to prove his worth.

J. M. McDonald. Eckville, Alberta.

No golden opportunities

While reading the February issue of the Farm and Ranch Review I was pleasantly surprised to come across the article "See Here, Mr. Oldtimer —

Both my wife and I are in wholehearted approval of this article.

Canada is certainly not as much a land of golden opportunity as it is represented by the government. True, the millions of so-called golden opportunities exist, but one needs capital and almost unlimited resources to take advantage of them. This is particularly true of farming today. Everything is so high priced that it is almost impossible to obtain for the average couple starting out.

If you attempt to borrow money from the banks, they demand as security all you possess regardless of how much in actual value it may exceed the amount of the loan. This I know from my own experience and that of others around me.

Yet the government spends millions of dollars on bringing in immigrants. True, this helps the country, but if the Canadian young people are slighted in so doing, any help the immigrants give is cancelled. Things have come to quite a pass when we Canadians are counted second best in our own country.

Gordon Hamilton. Pense, Sask.



Proper Storage of Fuels and Lubricants

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The total cost of fuels and lubricants consumed by a tractor during its useful life will at least equal, and in most cases, exceed the original tractor cost. Gasolines are normally in good condition and

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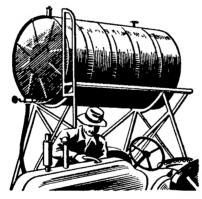
Don't Let Dirt Get in Fuel Line

A good deal of tractor slowdown and field stoppage is due to dirt getting in the fuel line. To guard against this, an overhead storage tank is ideal. Then, when fuelling your tractor, be sure that the hose

and nozzle are clean, and that no dirt can get into the tractor tank. As an added precaution, check the fuel strainer and sediment bowl regularly.

Check These "Good-Storage" Points

In the "long storage" seasons, such as winter, or between seeding and harvest, don't let the tank go nearly empty, with only a small amount in it. Keep it filled, or moisture will form from condensation. Also, the tank should be slightly higher at one end, so that



Proper storage and clean handling of fuel helps tractors run better.

the delivery pipe is at the higher end, allowing any foreign matter to accumulate at the lower end, away from the gravity feed. Occasionally when the tank is nearly empty, and before refilling, it's a good idea to clean out any sediment that may have collected. You can do this by opening the drain plug and drawing off a few pints of gasoline.

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The trend today is toward the farm fuel storage tank, partly because it allows faster, safer and cleaner refuelling of the tractor, and also because its big capacity allows an ample supply of fuel to be kept on hand at all times. If barrels are being used for storage, and you find it more convenient to stand them upright, make sure that they are tilted a little. This cuts down on the moisture they may take in from rain, dew or snow that collects on the barrel head. It is also important to keep the bungs drawn tight, as suction created by the cooling and contraction of the gasoline may be enough to suck in some moisture.

Follow These Simple Safety Rules

Check on Provincial and fire insurance regulations before locating the tank. There is always some fire hazard when close to a building. Be careful not to spill gasoline. Do not smoke when handling fuels, The tractor should not be fuelled when it is very hot, or with the engine running. As an additional safety measure, the tank should be well grounded. Many farmers also ground their tractors before filling.

Oils and Greases Need Clean Handling, Too

Don't use "just any old can" for measuring or handling oil. The can should be kept covered when not in use. As an extra precaution, it should be wiped and cleaned before using. Dirt should also be wiped off the filler plug on the tractor before oiling up. If the oil storage barrel is on a solid stand and a faucet used . . . place a drip pan under the faucet to catch the dribble.

Dirt and water are the twin

enemies of grease. When moisture gets in . . . most greases lose their consistency. Dirt in the grease produces an abrasive which wears on the bearings instead of protecting them. To keep grease of good quality, take these precautions: (1) keep the grease container well covered, (2) keep it in a dry place, (3) don't put dirty grease back in the can, (4) use a bucket gun to keep grease clean, and don't allow any dirt to get into the grease when filling the gun.



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That old bagpiper, MacToad puts on quite a concert

TO play this game properly, you must choose a spring night of velvety darkness when the air is still and balmy. The equipment needed is the end board from an apple box, into which a staple has been driven. Attach the end of a 15-foot length of string to that staple, then place a lighted candle in the middle of the board. Now hold the free end of the string and give the candle-lit board a gentle push out onto the surface of a pond.

Once the board is floating a dozen feet out from shore, sit quietly at the pond edge with

your hushed children and wait. At the end of ten minutes, slowly pull on the string to retrieve the board. When it comes close, you'll see that the little raft is located with passengers. These will be frogs and toads, staring in goggle-eyed fascination at the vellow candle-light. Now you must be silent and patient a little longer, while the raft rests quietly a yard away. Soon the amphibians will puff up throatsacs and tune up local pipes, filling the night trillings and dronings as frog and toad bagpipers shrill out their spring

The concert starts in April and lasts for six weeks. When the spring thaw comes, frogs dig themselves out of the wet muck of the marsh where they have spent the winter. Toads been buried in drier ground far from water, but they now hurry straight to the nearest pond. Amphibians congregate in thousands in every pothole and marsh to enjoy the annual song-fest. Fat and warty toads from your garden become love-sick swains, uttering ardent croakings as they pursue warty and unlovely lady-loves. Large Bull-frogs chug out their bass vocals. Tiny Tree Toads swarm into the smaller ponds, the abundance of their numbers making their farcarrying creakings the best known frog-music of Western Canada.

This is the egg-laying period. Frog eggs are formed in clusmasses of black-yolked, jelly-covered eggs which float on the pond's surface. Toads lay their eggs in long strings and attach them to water The metamorphosis plants. from egg, tadpole, to adult is well known, but some frogs require two years to complete the cycle.

Good Eating

WHAT happens to the singers when the concert ends? Most frogs stay in the marsh or close to it, because they must keep their thin, slimy skins moist at all times to enable them to breathe. Bull Frogs and Green Frogs live on the banks of creeks and rivers, as around lakes and The Bull Frog averwell as sloughs. ages 5 inches long in our northern districts, occasionally attaining a length of 8 inches. This is the creature made famous by Mark Twain's jumping frog story. Both Bull Frogs and the large Green Frogs are famous for another reason: they provide edible frog-legs for epicures. These amphibians have been raised commercially on American marsh-farms to supply restaurants featuring the frog-leg delicacy.

The well-known Leopard Frog is a brightly spotted am-

phibian about 3 inches long, haunting bottomlands near marshes and creeks. A dullhued cousin, the Northern Wood Frog, is the overland traveller of the family, being found in moist woodlands some distance from ponds. The Wood Frog is rarely more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long; its dull colors, varying from gray to dark brown, camouflage it effectively on the forest floor.

Insect Destroyer

Old Warty, the Common Toad, roams widely across the countryside after leaving the spring breeding marshes. Toads sleep during sunny hours, foraging after dark. Warty is often called the Gardener's Friend, and with excellent reason. It is a voracious insect-destrover around any cultivated plot, deserving of our protection at all times. If you want to learn something about Warty's appetite, collect a batch of dead house flies, a broom straw to agitate them as they are placed in front of Warty, and watch how deftly the toad's long tongue flicks out to snaffle a victim. The last time I tried this stunt, Warty ate more than twenty flies and seemed willing to continue the game indefinitely!

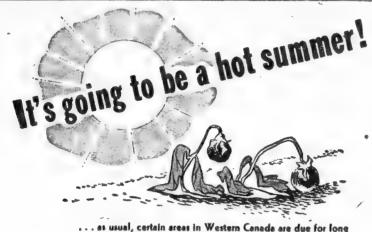
Roaming so far afield, Warty encounters many enemies. But nature has provided the Toad with a defensive weapon. Hidden among those warty bumps are glands secreting an alkaloid poison, and this is ejected whenever a predatory animal picks up a toad. Doubtless you've seen an inexperienced puppy mouth a toad and quickly drop it, the dog yelping with pain and pawing at its jaws. The toad's poison protects the creature from foxes, coyotes, weasels, and many other animals, but predaceous birds seem immune to the poison, while snakes eat toads whenever they get the

Wart Myth

The toad poison is not dangerous to humans: not unless it gets into mouth or eyes, when it would cause a temporary irritation. Contrary to old rumour, we cannot catch warts by handling either toads or frogs. Happily for the toad and unhappily for us, there is no truth in the story which claims that the creatures have precious

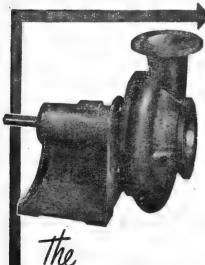


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The Inch-long Tree Toad spends only a brief month in the pond waters during the spring, then hops overland to the nearest trees and nimbly climbs aloft. The rest of the summer, Tree Toads feed on insects found among the leaves and twigs and branches of trees. They occasionally utter a brief creaking note, but nothing like the steady singing of their spring holiday in the water. Tree Toads come equipped with sticky foot-pads, so that they may safely jump from one smooth leaf to another when pursuing insects. They also possess long and sticky tongues, enabling them to capture any insect that comes near them.

As soon as frosts come and leaves start falling, Tree Toads scamper down from their lofty homes and bury themselves in the debris of the forest floor. There they sleep until spring, then hurry to the nearest pond to serenade the sun and moon or anyone else who cares to listen to these amphibious bagpipers.

Drinking habits of cows

TESTS at Iowa State College have shown that dairy cows will drink water, if it is available to them, on an average of ten times every twenty-four hours, two-thirds of the quantity being consumed in the daytime. Their intake is about 18 per cent more than if watered twice a day at an outside tank, and their production of milk if allowed all the water they want when they want it, is increased by between 3 and 4 per cent, with butterfat increase amounting to 10 per cent more.

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What do I expect my religion to do for me?

By REV. FRANK S. MORLEY, Ph. D.

THE famous author and statesman, Sir Norman Angell, introduced a friend saying, "This is Harold. He doesn't do anything. He just is.'

Too many people, too many church people, think in that way about religion. They don't expect very much from their faith. It doesn't do anything for them or for anybody else. It is a wall-flower piety that never gets into the dance. At best it is a negative virtue that keeps a man sober and restrains him from dishonesty. So Swinburne begs young people to exchange "the lilies and langours of virtue" for "the raptures and roses of vice". A young woman visiting the battlefield of Get-tysburg exclaimed, "This is the first time in my life that I ever realized that the Civil War was

not just reading matter".

Thus many of us think of religion as a wet blanket, or an anemic virtue, or as just "reading matter". To the contrary, true religion is the most dynamic, dangerous thing in all the world. It has overturned kingdoms and created every great civilization. It has brought in new cultures and destroyed tyrannies. It has filled men's minds with new, revolutionary ideas.

Change Characters

I expect my religion to change my character. The first judgment of a mature mind on one's own character is, "I ought not to be the kind of person I am". If a man does not say this, he is a Pharisee and a hypocrite. Not one of us is perfect. We are all sinners.

The second decision follows, "I need not be the kind of person I am". So I look for a religion that will not only tell me the kind of person I ought to be, but will give me power to change.

More than will power is necessary. It does no good to say, "The trouble with you is weak will". What can I do to make my will stronger? A man cannot change his character by his own power. Most of us know a lot better than we do. There are pitiful alcoholics who want to be changed. There are men and women with weaknesses in personality who desperately want to be finer people. Their religion must give them power to achieve.

I expect my religion to reveal God and put me into fellowship with God. If I have God, then I have the clue to life. I have strength. I have the Kingdom of Heaven within me. I have the secret of dynamic living. I shall fear no evil. I shall have "power to burn", Divine Power filling me with abundant life.

A Better Society

I expect my religion to make a better society. A comment passed regarding an American city was, "The Churches in this city are strong, but its politics are rotten". I do not want a religion like that. I believe those Churches are no good. Churches should not support political parties, but they should be a political power.

We talk about "The Church Militant", but the closest the Church comes to fighting most of the time is in singing, "On-ward Christian Soldiers". ward Christian Preachers who try to get their people to support a certain political program or party are foolish. The task of religion is to quicken the civic conscience and create a passion for civic righteousness

Religion must create kindness between men, racial and class fellowship, and a senti-ment of justice. For example,

true religion would create a deeper concern for the care of little children and old folk. True religion would be more greatly concerned with the fact that we have such inadequate care for juvenile delinquents. I expect my religion to make

people healthier both in mind and body. Dean Irving Cutter of Northwestern University Medical School held that half the people who go to the doctor have illnesses (and they are really sick) which originate in their minds and emotions and have organic effects. Recently psychosomatic medicine (Psyche — mind and soma — body, thus psychosomatic is a sixtyfour dollar word for "mind -body") has disclosed the astounding relation of healing to the mental and emotional life. Moreover, studying the frightful increase of mental disorder, great psychiatrists assert that the cause lies in the lack of real religion and no cure can be effected without a real religion.

Faith in Immortality

No religion is any good that does not provide a satisfactory does not provide a satisfactory faith regarding the future life. A future life gives view and vision to living here. A future life gives meaning to this life. Some people think faith in the future life unimportant. It is all important all-important.

Christianity can answer all your expectation. The Holy Spirit is a Power as real as radio and can take your life and transform it. Christ can take away your feeling of guilt. Christ reveals God. "He that hath seen me hath seen the hath seen me hath seen the Father". Christianity is a healing faith: "Bless the Lord... Who healeth all thy diseases". Real Christianity has always been a dynamic influence in society. Christianity gives you the fellowship of God. It gives you peace. It gives you faith in the future life. "More than all in Thee I find."

In the early days of my ministry I went to the country to visit a fine old Christian who was dying of cancer. We repeated together the Twenty-third Psalm and then the Fourteenth Chapter of John's Gospel — "In my Father's house are many mansions". I can still see that finely chiselled face and the sparkle still in his eye despite his emaciated body. He gripped my hand firmly and his last word to me was, "I am not afraid". I expect my religion to do this for me.

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Our readers unite to pin Tony's ears back!

To the Editor:
Your recent sorrespondent,
Tony de Cocok of Minnesota,
should make sure of his facts before writing to a Canadian paper with Canadian readers.

Mr. deCocok claims that 90 percent of the troops and casualties on the United Nations side are from the United States. Has he never heard of the tremendous casualties suffered by the South Korean (R.O.K.) divisions, a force that considerably outnumbered the U.S. contingents in the early days of the

Furthermore, he should re-alize that both Britain and France have considerable forces in the Orient that have been fighting the same enemy, the Communists, for years, without hysteria for ballyhoo. For instance, Britain has in Malaya 16,000 regular troops, 10,000 police and a strong Royal Air Force contingent.

As for "doing something",

Mr. de Cocok should study the following figures from "The following figures from

while the U.S.A. stayed to home and made pretty fair money out of the war materials they sold yes to both Britain and Germany. The way I see it; that was the opportunity that Uncle Sam took to get his start in the

Now mind you, Tony, I'm not saying that Britain was any angel in her hey-day. She ruthlessly exploited the peoples of any nation that was the weaker. And just as Rome had to give way to the young and virile, so too did Britain have to give way to young and lusty U.S.A. Such is the tendency of History. It just seems to be the old story of once one gets a bit of power he carelessly abuses it, be he individual or nation.

Now let us roughly investigate World War II. We Canadians and British alike had our peepers on your Uncle Sam. We noticed he was going to try the 1914-18 stunt again. Stay out of the fight and put his people to the very remunerative task

Who's Scared?



Mrs. R. A. Trogen, Box 128, Morrin, Alta., caught this shot of a coyote and the family collie about to start a fight.

Economist": Defense expenditures, 1950, as per cent of the national income— U.K. 7.7 per cent; U.S. 6.9 per cent. Defense_manpower, 1950, Men in arms as percentage of all aged 18-44 — U.K. 6.6 per cent; U.S. 4.8 per cent. The same for 18-44 — U.K. The same 10. 4.8 per cent. The same 10. October, 1950 — U.K. 7.0 per cent; U.S. 6.2 per cent. F. C. Pilkington.

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To the Editor:

Tony de Cocok's letter prompts a few lines. Either Tony is a young lad or has just got a stray chip on his shoul-der. Any of us who took any interest in the 1914-18 war have little reason to forget what happened those days.

I can well remember the struggle and bloodshed the British people took on the chin

of making the guns and tanks and aeroplanes, etc. He had little compunction for the people of Coventry, Bristol, London, Paris and Norway. Let them fight it out was his motto.

And since the end of World War II we have been watching this giant. And we have little reason for assurance that he has changed for the better. We find that before he will invest some of his powerful dollars abroad he has to be granted so many concessions and strangle holds that the enterprise he does build is worthless to the country in general.

As to Britain and France dealing with Russia, they do so much against their will. But Tony, they must eat and must have clothes to wear, and housing to replace the damage done by Hitler's bombs. You will notice that these deals are done

on a barter basis. Uncle Sam demands dollars and these people just haven't got them.

Charles McKenzie, Rutland, B.C.

To the Editor:

Am writing you re a letter in The Farm & Ranch Review for February signed by Tony de-Cocok. Some of his letter makes a lot of sense while some of it makes none. He appears to be trying to put over the idea that the U.S. is the only country doing anything in Korea.

He has possibly forgotten

He has possibly forgotten what happened during the two world wars, especially No. 2 when the U.S. sat back and bled Great Britain while selling her munitions while they sat back on their fat fannies and raked

in the cash.

I wonder if he ever stops to think where he and others like him would be today if it had not been for Great Britain and the intestinal fortitude of her few fighter pilots during the battle of Britain. If he doesn't know I'd like to put him wise: he would be goose stepping and shouting "Hiel Hitler" and I don't mean maybe.

don't mean maybe.

I was in U.S. after the first war and it was pretty hard to take that "we won the war" stuff they used to hand out.

They have democracy over there, the Government is voted in by a secret vote!

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To the Editor:

I have just finished reading Tony DeCocok's letter in your February issue

February issue.

I agree with Mr. DeCocok on two things mentioned: United States and England both have rotten governments now. But I resent his statement about England failing to send more troops, etc. to help fight in Korea. Does Mr. DeCocok expect Britain and other countries to fight for years every time there is a war, and then near the last the United States can come in and wrap themselves in glory? Remember when the first war started? In 1914. But when did American troops I and in France?

The last world war started on Sept. 3, 1939 when Britain and France declared war on Germany. Then skip years: Jan. 27, 1942, "First American troops land in Northern Ireland."

A great many men died on the battle field, Mr. DeCocok, between 1939 and 1942, and they weren't Americans. When the war ended a big picture appeared on the page of the majority of Canadian papers: "General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, whose brilliant strategic decisions were carried out. etc., etc."

can't the American army take the point off the spear of the Chinese Reds? Remember the Germans were a much more formidable foe. Think back and remember what the German armies were like.

If Americans wish to appear big in the eyes of the rest of the world, they must act big. The road to glory can't always be made easy by the forgotten few

(Mrs.) Margaret Schadeck Huallen, Alberta

P.S. No, you're wrong. I'm not English.

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on the letter by Mr. DeCocok in your Feb. issue. If the British government is no good how did it manage to dispense with U.S. aid ahead of all the free enterprise nations in Europe and elsewhere. I am not a socialist but facts are facts.

I am inclined to agree with your correspondent that Truman is not of presidential calibre, and thereby hangs a tale. The Democrats in the U.S. had been accused of communistic leanings, but since the Alger Hiss case they have swung to the opposite extreme for political reasons, and have got tough with China. Almost the whole of Asia has shown resentment at this policy. The diplomats in Europe and our Commonwealth steer clear of this question for fear of U.S. retaliation, but most of them appear to think that Red China could have been kept out of Korea by different and more wise treatment.

The Chinese seem to be fully convinced that the intention of the U.S. is to oust their regime, and plant Chiang Kai Shek back on them again. This would account for any slackness of support given to the U.S. in Korea since the Chinèse intervention. After all, when people are rubbed the wrong way long enough they are bound to retaliate. I don't believe that even Mr. DeCocok would think it fair to ask the U.N. to take on all comers who are stirred upin this way. A full scale fight with China would benefit no one but the machianellian Stalin who would then have a walkover in Europe! Stalin is known also to want great numbers of Chinese killed off so that his regime will have a chance to work. Top brains are at work now to prevent us doing this revolting job for the Kremlin and I for one hope they succeed.

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Entries down, prices up at Kamloops stock sale

By A. J. DALRYMPLE

KAMLOOPS — Once again to go out of my way to find out about it.

There are a large number of young, able-bodied transients, absolutely broke, and totally without principle, roaming the sold for an average of 38.71 cents per pound as compared with 206 head averaging 29.91 cents at the 1950 sale.

As forecast during the past

As forecast during the past year, the number of entries was down and the price was up.

During the sale, and indeed during the few days after the last of the animals were shipped out, and the ranchers were preparing to return home, there was a notable lack of comment on the situation.

True, several packers told me that the prices were far too high, bringing meat beyond the price that many city folk could pay. There were also a few producers who told me that they were making cautious statements.

It seemed to me that all concerned were waiting and watching to see what would happen next in this inflationary period.

Sometimes there is a hint of the local, regional and national thinking in the speeches made at such gatherings, but nothing much in the way of information not already known came out of the head table talks.

There was the usual emphasis placed on the necessity for buying the best of sires, and some compliments paid to those who had paid high prices. But there was no elation.

As one executive put it to me after the meetings:

"What can you say? These are days of rapid changes.
There is a lot of confusion. The only thing you can do is watch it on a day-to-day basis. "It would appear that as long

as there is high employment and an increase in population there will be a strong demand for beef, and when you come down to it, that is what sets the price

and keeps it up.
"The U.S.A. wants everything we can give them."

Dwindling Herds

WHEN I asked about dwindling herds, they replied that one answer was in more concentrated farming with increased use of irrigated pas-tures such as are being brought into operation in the coastal states and in B.C.

Water, plus fertilizer, they be-lieve will bring the herds back; and such operations in small units, may also solve the manpower shortage to some extent, and cut labor costs.

As regards labor, I knew well that most employers were having their difficulties, but I never realized until this trip how really tough it is in the interior of this province; and I didn't have

There are a large number of them out to the ranch. They stay a few hours and then depart.

A number of ranchers have gone through that experience over and over again this winter. I was out to one spread this week, a highly modern operation, everything clean, bright and cheery, fine living quarters, excellent table; a great place to work, but the owner and his wife are slugging it out in the barn to keep things going during the calving period.

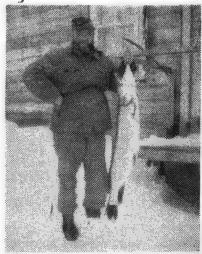
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So, this disinclination to work on the part of many young persons may spur the development of small feeding units where water and fertilizer will be used with a high degree of efficiency to place cattle in marketable. condition.

In this connection I ran into a man the other day who has a complete irrigation outfit on a small truck. He had a number of lengths of aluminum pipes in racks on the roof, and inside the truck several small gas engines. His idea is to start custom irrigation, making arrangements with farmers to supply water of given amounts on schedule. He could not give me any figures on the subject, because he hadn't got going; but he may have an idea that could prove successfull in certain areas.

Results of the Fat Stock Sale showed a total of \$65,832.17 for 177 head this year, as compared with \$54,951.05 in 1950.

Big One



Ten Schaal of Brooks, (with beard) claims that this 34-pound, 50-inch pike is the biggest fish ever caught in Lake Newell. It was so old it was

The grand championship in the open singles of boys and girls classes went to Glen Shannon, aged 19, of Knutsford. It weighed 1,000 pounds, and was sold to Les. Turcott of Kamloops for 60 cents per pound.

Helene Turner, aged 17, daughter of Jim Turner, Shorthorn breeder of Royal Oak, Vancouver Island, took the reserve. The animal weighed 912 pounds, and sold to Pacific Meat Co., Vancouver, for 42.50 per pound.

In the bull sale there were 86 Herefords that averaged \$976 as against 98 in 1950 with an average of \$647. Top price this year was \$1,850 as compared with \$2,600 last year.

E. C. Hunter, Airdrie, Alta., contributed the top price bull, Junior Britisher Domino 270th. Purchaser was W. J. Webster of Narcosli, B.C.

There were four Aberdeen-Angus bulls, same number as last year. They brought an average of \$545, and a high of pared with \$456 in 1950. Top animal was contributed by Cyril F. Hockstein, Pincher Creek, and bought by Rud Elgi, Kamloops

loops.
Total of 23 Shorthorn bulls were entered this year. They brought an average price of \$623 with a top of \$1,000. Last year there were 13 head with an average of \$545, and a high of \$1,000. The top animal was pro-

All previous records smashed at Calgary Bull Sale

ALL previous Calgary bull sale records were smashed and new markets set by the time the big annual spring event had come to a close at Victoria Pavilion on Good Friday.

When all the figures had been compiled it was shown that a new revenue total had been reached, new high averages set for all three beef breeds, and new top prices were recorded in both the Hereford and Shorthorn divisions of the sale.

Seven hundred and thirty bulls brought a total of \$817,-525 for an overall average of \$1,119.63.

The previous high dollar total was set in 1949 when 1,002 bulls sold for a total of \$640,270 an average of \$638.99.

Five hundred and seven Hereford bulls sold for a total of \$620,275 and an average of \$1,223.42. Last year the average was \$594.03.

Seventy Aberdeen Angus bulls sold for a total of \$67,450 and an average of \$963.57. The 1950 average was \$424.30.

One hundred and thirty-three Shorthorn bulls sold for a total of \$129,600. The average was \$847.06 compared with \$442.76 last year.

Two new price records were set in both the Hereford and Shorthorn Divisions. The previous top of \$8,000 in the Hereford division was exceeded by \$200 when Major Austin Taylor of Vancouver paid \$8,200 for Lorne's Real D., a Hereford consigned by C. D. McDougall of Champion.

A new record was set in the Shorthorn division when McArthur Bros. of Glendale, California paid \$3,500 for the grand champion bull Rannoch Remembrance, exhibited by T. G. Hamilton of Innisfail.

"The only record we didn't break in this sale was for the top selling Aberdeen Angus. The high price of \$3,500 paid several years ago by William J. Hunter of Hubalta still stands", J. Charles Yule, sales manager

stated at the conclusion of the historic event.

Improved quality of offering, plus the presence of more than 60 United States buyers, plus the current high price of beef the world over, contributed to the record breaking sale.

The cattle pavilion at Victoria Park was packed to capacity during the four day sale, and it is becoming more of a public spectacle every year.

The Herefords held the spotlight on Thursday with high priced bulls while Shorthorn breeders got their innings on Friday afternoon when 133 Shorthorns were sold in five hours to set a new record high.

Only two Shorthorns exceeded the \$3,000 figure, the grand champion and a first prize bull exhibited by W. L. Robinson of Vermilion.

This bull, Glenrobin Max 14th, was purchased by A. E. Banting of North Battleford, Sask

The reserve grand champion, Beavale Overseer by Killearn Norseman 40th, exhibited by William Stefura of Chipman sold for \$2,000. The purchaser was Robert Partridge of Carnduff, Saskatchewan.

P. W. Stefura, Mr. Stefura's son, got \$2,450 for Elburn Monarch, another son of Killearn Norseman 40th.

The Shorthorn men had a good sale and the results indicated that the men from the north and central parts of the province are out-doing the southerners in general quality and fitness, as an analysis of the sale figures will show.

Some outstanding averages were recorded in the Hereford division of the sale with J. M. Campbell and Son of Stavely leading, followed by W. A. Crawford Frost of Nanton, and W. J. Edgar of Innisfail. The latter sold ten bulls which averaged more than \$2,000 while the Campbell and Crawford Frost averages were around the \$3,770 mark but for lesser number of bulls.

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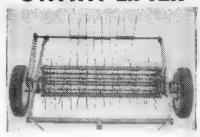
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Pets full of ailments keep the "vets" on the jump

By GILEAN DOUGLAS

I stopped in at the office of Dr. Edith Williams, D.V.Sc., V.S., to get a few hints on cat and dog care. For ten years this successful veterinarian managed a large chicken farm in Aurora, Ontario. Now she is managing an up-to-date pet hospital with a waiting list. It's a friendly place where children peer in the big waiting-room windows at pets and their owners, while the animals except the very sick ones -- stare right back again.

"Most of our animals are very patient under treatment," the doctor told me. "Cats are usually worse than dogs when they are ill. They won't help themselves, but just sit down and seem to say: 'If you want me to get well, all right, but you'll have to do it.' They are tempermental and when you take them away from home they often refuse to eat. An animal' illness can be partly mental, like a human's, but as a rule they don't worry and so get well quicker than we do. Some owners have a lot more temperment than their pets! Usually, however, dogs and cats reflect the atmosphere of their homes. Whether an animal likes to be handled by a man or woman doctor depends largely on the sex of the owner. Animals generally are better patients and more agreeable under pain than

Dental Patient

Determined to be the exception that proves the rule, a Pekinese esconsed in a box promptly went into a perfect tizzy of fright when she was carried into the bright dispensary where small, shining in-struments bubbled in a sterilizer.

"She's 14 years old and her teeth are bothering her," volunteered her owner, placing his pet carefully on the examining table.

"No wonder, at that age," said Dr. Williams. "Any dog over 12 is very old. The oldest dog I've known was 17, which is more than a hundred years by human reckoning. Yes, out come those teeth — and no anesthetic, I'm afraid. She's a bit too old for that." *And before the Peke could say 'yip' again she found herself minus several decayed-looking tooth fragments.

"A dog's teeth should be watched as they grow older," observed the doctor, "and the less candy and sweet stuff they eat the better. Just like us.

But even the very young get dental doldrums. The next patient was a four-months-old fox terrier busy exchanging old teeth for new.

"He probably swallows the

WHEN in Toronto recently ones that fall out," said Dr. Williams.

> "I thought there was never any time that he wasn't chewing," remarked his mistress ruefully.

> At that moment the puppy opened his mouth and a tooth popped out in front of him. He reared back on his haunches and stared at it with amazement while his mistress listened to good advice about him. She was told that swal-lowed teeth wouldn't hurt him and that chewing a bone would hurry things up a bit.

> "Fleas - lots of them," the doctor told an incredulous woman who came in next with a scratching Persian.

> "But, Doctor, how could she possibly get so many?"

> "Oh, that's easy. You start with two and the next thing you know there are great-great-grandchildren. By the way, be

Prize Picture



Making his pal, Prince, sit up and beg is no trick at all for fourteenmonths-old Herald Oleson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Oleson of Canyon Creek,

sure to spray DDT around the house when you go home. Fleas like travelling. No use deflea-ing Sphinx with a dip if she picks them up again around the house right afterwards."

Emergencies and Caesarians are no respectors of office hours. The latter are performed chiefly on Boston bulls terriers because of their large heads and small hindquarters, but also on animals with a broken pelvis or some other hindrance to normal birth. Sometimes there is a frantic midnight call from an owner whose pet is blessed-eventing and what shall they do?

"Go to bed," ordered Dr. Williams on one such occasion. "She knows more about it than you do.'

There are 75 known animal diseases which are communicable to man but only one, mange, need cause a pet owner any worry. Handling your cat or are dealing with patients who dog with gloves before taking can't tell you where it hurts or him to a Vet and keeping him be induced to lie quietly in bed.

away from the children will usually take care of that. Rabies is almost unknown in Canada and there is no chance of getting tuberculosis from your house pet. Cows are the villans there. But dogs and cats get many human noninfectious diseases, such as kidney stones, rickets, dysentry, tumors, abscesses, tape worms, ringworm, tonsilitis and Bang's disease, which is the equivalent of our undulant fever.

Swallow Everything

Pets will swallow anything from a pebble to a flashlight battery, with corn cobs and rubber balls top favorites. Stomach operations on dogs have produced almost every conceivable household article which could be forced down a canine throat. Chicken bones are particularly dangerous - your pet can choke to death on them — and chop bones aren't much better because they splinter easily. Constipation and worms have sure signs which you aren't liable to miss and your Veterinary will give you medicines to cure both. Vitamin D will take care of puppy and pussy rickets.

Gastritis is the danger disease of cats and distemper, with its possible complications - pneumonia, St. Vitus' dance, epileptic fits — heads the list of serious doggy infections. There is no sure cure for it, but three inoculations given during the danger period—when the puppy is three months to a year old—will usually forestall this killer.

In the dispensary a litter of three springer spaniels seemed to think that their first innoculations were a picnic, as also did water-hating Trudi, the dachshund. Airdale Rusty, on the other hand, hated everything to eat or drink except water and corn syrup, so medicine seemed indicated.

"Use an eye-dropper to give it to him," cautioned Dr. Williams, "but don't try to insert it. Just press it against the side of his mouth near the corner and squirt. If your tummy doesn't act right we'll give this to you," she teased the owner's small son. "Just as good for you as for Rusty."

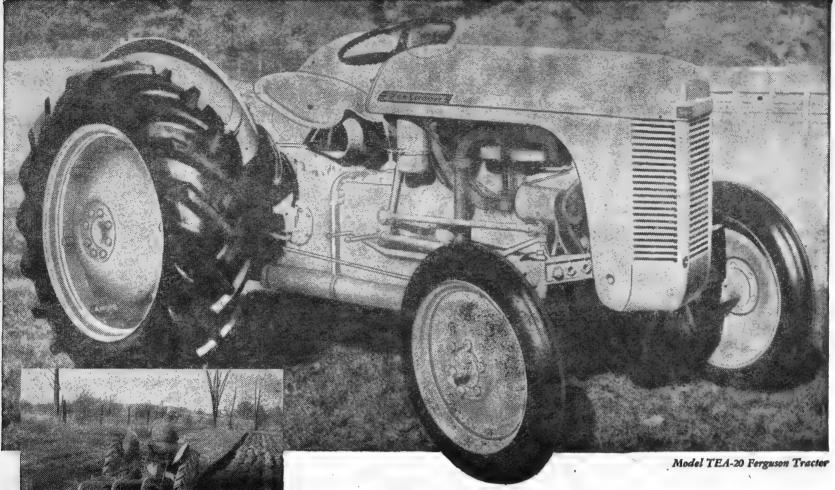
"Oh, his stomach's the best part of that boy," chuckled the lad's father.

A cocker spaniel in to be dewormed promptly had his ears examined.

Cocker Ears

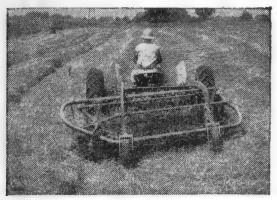
"The spaniel that doesn't have ear trouble is unusual," explained Dr. Williams. "Start when they are babies to clean their ears and keep right on. Then you have a chance. Bacterial infection thrives because air. It's warm and damp in their ears; just perfect for germs." of all that hair keeping out the

But even this clever physician and surgeon admits that there are difficult moments when you are dealing with patients who



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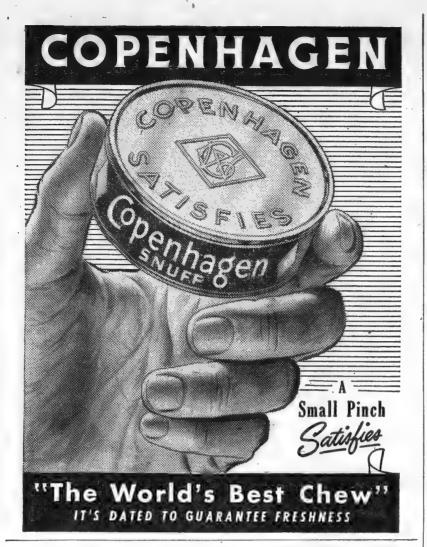
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Why are the Pats in Korea? For several good reasons

By BEN MALKIN

The Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, went into the line last month and fought its first engagement in the Korean campaign. It was less than six years since the end of World War II, yet here were Canadians in action again. It is worth while trying to figure out what the Patricias were in Korea for, and how they fitted into the larger international picture.

They weren't in Korea to win any great victories, or even to help win a war, although in the past that has always been the major purpose of a military force. They were in Korea, along with other United Nations troops, on the queerest assignment in military history. They were there to help prevent a war, not to help win one. This fact is not easily grasped, for it is something new in international politics. But once it is understood, everything that the Western democracies are doing, and should do, falls into place.

War and Politics

War is only a method of politics. Countries can show hostility to one another in other ways, yet not be at war. They can refuse to trade with each other, they can try to undermine each other through the use of spies and subversive organizations, and they can call each other names. But funtil they are blowing each other up with high explosives, they are not actually at war.

That is the situation today. There is hostility between Russia and the West, and various political methods and pressures are used by both sides to do damage to the other. These include trade restrictions, propaganda, spying and so forth. But the political method of warfare is not yet in use. That's the first thing to remember.

Peace is Possible Second, war in not inevitable. That's the belief of leaders in

the West, and on this belief Western policy is based. If the Western countries, banding together, can raise a strong military force, backed by real economic strength, Russia will not start a war. But this does not mean getting too tough with Russia or its allies, for that could provoke a war. And since every effort of policy is aimed at preventing a war, it would be foolish to do something which would start one. Therefore, while building up strength, the West remains ready to talk things over with Russia, and maybe reach a settlement. And the West doesn't have to be strong enough to fight a war; just strong enough to stop one.

The Patricias in Korea fit right into this picture. Last June, Korea was a divided country. The south was a republic set up under United nations auspices. The north was also a republic, but set up under Russian tutelage. When northern troops invaded the south, it was clear that if they got away with it, Russia would feel that a larger operation—maybe in Iran, maybe in Yugoslavia, maybe in Germany—would also go unchallenged.

So, to prove that the use of force by Russia would in future be resisted, the United Nations, with strong leadership from the United States, went into Korea. The purpose was to prevent war by proving that no one could get away with aggression. That's the purpose the Patricias had in mind when they went to Korea. They have to help keep the calamity which hit Korea from spreading to the rest of the world.

If this fact is kept remembered, that we are not at war, but are trying to prevent one, a lot of things become clearer. For example, we may need Spanish air and sea bases in order to fight a war, but we don't

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This past month has seen a clearer concept in the Western world as to what the purpose of the present rearmament policy is. As a result, the heated temperatures that were evident this winter have cooled down a bit. The conscription issue in Canada was decided on the basis that the West's policy is to prevent a war, not fight one. When this was understood, the conscription debate in Ottawa fizzled out. On this basis, and for this purpose, the Patricias, who are being joined by their sister battalions of the Canadian Special Force, will no doubt continue on duty in Korea until a firm peace is achieved.

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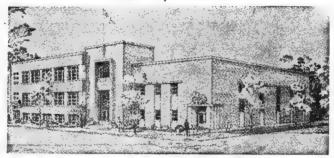
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pleading a case.
(5) Station agents work only when a train comes in.

(6) Editors work only when writing an editorial.

Of course you don't say this but when you editorialize that teachers only work when their classes are on, you imply

the above, and more.

Most of the teachers I know average a 50 - 60 hour week. The easiest and most pleasant part of teaching is the work in front of a class. The long hours of checking and planning are the hardest. It is a physical and mental impossibility to extend the school term beyond 200 days. Neither pupils nor teachers could stand it.

Teaching is one of the most exhausting tasks known.

It is easy to take the side of the minister, as you put it. It takes moral courage to take the other side.

Very few do. Carl Farvolden. Athabasca Local A.T.A.

Our system of teaching

To the Editor:

I sincerely hope that Al. J. Engel (Our Readers Think, Feb. 1951) is unmarried. For, if otherwise, he too, may be blessed with children and I shudder to think of the attitude towards school one who appears to be prejudiced towards teachers as he is can foster in his children. Another hope I entertain selfishly perhaps, is that Mr. Engel is never in a position where he can exercise authority over some unfortunate "overpaid" teacher.

I agree with him that there are poor spellers among our pupils; but, surely there must have been poor spellers among the pupils of his day too. I would draw the attention of Mr. Engel and/or the editor to the fact that "overpaid" is considered to be a compound word and therefore, is not spelled with a hyphen as in Mr. Engel's letter as proof of this.

Perhaps the proportion of poor spellers is increasing; but I do not believe that the fault is solely that of the teacher as he suggests. This can be at-

tributed to a combination of several factors.

First. The curriculum of today is more diversified. In the happy days when everyone was a good speller, Mr. Engel, the three "R's" were the pupils' course of study. Spelling was a branch of two of these "R's". Today's curriculum is more diversified.

Second. Children's popular literature of today consists of "Comics". These are infamous for their slang and incorrect

spelling.

Third. Our system of teaching reading, and incidentally spelling is an integral part of ordinary reading has changed. Phonetic instruction is relegated to a position of minor importance. Words are no longer learned by spelling them or sounding them out. They are recognized by their consonant and vowel structure. The inconsistency of the vowels in the English language is not inherent with good spelling. When and if a simplified system of phonics (it will be "foniks" or "fonix" then) is ever introduction to the language we will all ed into the language we will all have a good knowledge (it will be "nolej" then) of the spelling process.

M. A. Sulatisky. Prince, Sask.

Editor's Note: Dictionaries differ. Some spell it "overpaid" and some "over-paid".

Unfair to teachers

To the Editor:

I feel that you are presenting an unfair case against the teaching profession in recent numbers of your usually sensible and open-minded paper. You state that teachers regard country schools and primary grades as mere stepping stones to higher paid secondary school jobs, and that they consider that a college degree automatically makes a better teacher.

Whose fault is it that country school teachers are so poorly paid that only the most inexperienced teachers will accept

positions in them?

Can experienced, really capable teachers be expected to accept the very inadequate salary most country schools are able to provide? The present system of financing schools by land taxation places a very unequal burden on sparsely-set-tled districts. Besides the low salaries, many country schools are so poor in condition draughty, unsanitary, and lacking in equipment that progressive teachers do not wish to work in them.

If a more general system of

financing education over the entire nation were introduced such as federal aid, especially to less fortunate districts, Canadian children would be given the more equal opportunity which a true democracy should

provide.

The education of our chil-Aren is the most important task our country, and it should receive far greater interest and financial backing than at present it is getting. When Canada recognizes the necessity for highly capable primary teachers instead of un-trained permit teachers, we will get them.

Manitoba Mother

The degree hunters

To the Editor:

Congratulations for your editorial Teachers and Carpenters. Not content with an extra \$500.00 for a degree one of our staff is holding out for an additional amount because he has two degrees.. I do not consider him as good a teacher as another of our staff who only holds the equivalent of a second class certificate.

We have four high school teachers getting an average of \$3,000.00 and six Public School teachers a little over \$2,000.00 and still they are not satisfied and want an upward revision of

schedule.

I had our local paper reprint another of your editorials and I hope to persuade them to print this one as the more publicity we can throw on the matter the better.

Robt. Stuart.

Innisfail, Alta.

Britain's quota system

To the Editor:

I believe you and Mr. Gardiner are somewhat in error as regards Britain's quota system.

True, the quota system was inaugurated in 1932 — the lowest year in the great depression and at the behest of Canada, who raised an outcry because Russia had shipped wheat to Britain at about 70c and who was also selling Britain lumber.

Canada even then still thought she had a right to Britain's market; so Britain agreed to share a little; hence the 10%

quota.

Britain likes to buy where she can sell, what's wrong with it? A storekeeper would do the same.

R. Hollway.

The real satisfaction

To the Editor:

The letter from Lemsford in the February issue of your magazine prompts me to write. I am one of these "over-paid

educationalists". Educational eration of Agriculture "brass would make no difference in the ists indeed! It makes me hap- hats" want to start something price of butter. py to be just a teacher. Overpaid? Certainly — but not in coin. Financially we could never compete with any other profession. We receive full payment in merit only, and not in swollen pocketbooks, nor in gratitude as is indicated in Mr. X's letter.

When we taught for four hundred dollars a year (and received perhaps half of that in cash) under trying conditions, in remote places, was it the hope of the jingling gold that kept us going? If so, we'd have quit.

Then as now, we still gave part of the best in us, in the classroom and out of it. Through the years we have been paid in the gold of friendships and loyalty of our students. Our lives compound dents. Our lives compound wealth each time our pupils smile and clasp our hands, or when they stop in for a chat. Could teachers set a price on the thrill of personal achieve-ment when they feel even a small portion of their influence carry over into the lives of their

pupils?
Whether it is the delivery of the first public recitation of that shy lad in the back seat, or beautifully written assignment: whether it is the solution of a difficult problem or a wellplayed game on the ball-dia-mond or skating-rink, — these are part of the daily inheritance which is ours to hoard and

However, Mr. X —, no family can be housed, clothed and fed on ideals, not even a teacher's. Of the millions of teachers all over the world I would like to know of at least one who has amassed a fortune while teaching. These other riches I speak of are priceless and in this respect, Mr. X, we teachers belong to the classes of the

H. B. Hauk.

Fox Valley, Sask.

Butter and margarine

To the Editor:

cherish.

Your letter on page four of your February issue doesn't make sense to me. I am an old Alberta farmer and got 15c a pound for butterfat and made a living, but a darn poor one. Here in B.C. butterfat is around 60 cents, and the reason farmers say they can't make money is because beef is so much higher. A pound of good beef today is worth more than a pound of butter. Of course they can make money out of cows. We have less butter in storage in Canada than a year ago. Margarine is not hurting the butter trade that I can see.

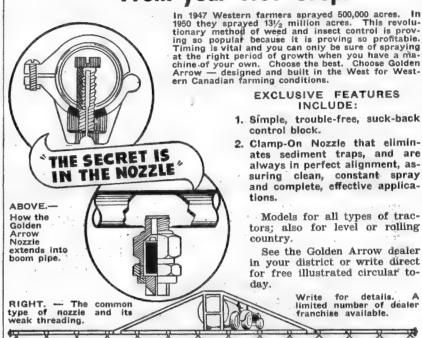
When butter is at present prices many poor people will do without it if they could not get margarine—this I know for I run a store.

Some of the Canadian Fed-

to hold their jobs. I say if margarine were off the market it

Wm. J. Bujan Box 242, Oliver, B.C.

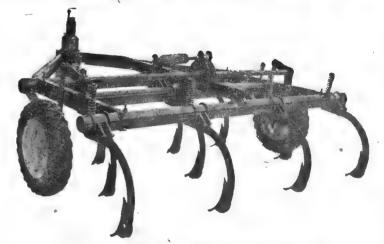




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Do accidents have to happen?

CARELESSNESS is the chief cause of accidents. It is, for the most part, a habit which at one time or another may be very costly. On the other hand, it can become a habit to be care ful.

Here are some "Dos and Don'ts" which will prevent acci-

Keeping children away from moving machinery will prevent a great many pathetic accidents.

Oiling, repairing, or adjusting machines while in operation should be avoided.

Never step back off the tractor on to the implement while the outfit is in motion.

Do not reach through or step over revolving belts.

Be sure to replace the shields over power take-off shafts or open gear systems when machines are being used. These shields are sent out by the manufacturing company to be put on the machine and not be thrown in the corner of the work shop.

Operators should never stand on the ground behind a tractor while backing it up to an implement.

And remember:

A yard cluttered with tools and trash is a place to get scarred, crippled, and killed.

A broken rung in a ladder requires a lot less time and expense to repair than a broken leg.

A few minutes work to fasten a hammer head securely to its handle will save many hours of time spent in a hospital repairing a fractured skull.

Flying chips of steel from the burned edge of a chisel or punch are very dangerous. Such tools should either be discarded or the burned edges ground off before using them.

Hogs need vitamin A

RAPIDLY growing hogs kept from an early age in confined quarters and fed grain—tankage—mineral rations often develop symptoms of paralysis caused by ε deficiency of Vitamin A. Many such hogs are lost or at best develop into chronic runts.

Symptoms are a strained facial expression and peculiar position of the ears, giving a wild-boar appearance; nervous derangement; inco-ordination of muscular movement, usually developing quickly into posterior or more general paralysis; inability or disinclination to feed normally; contortion and miscellaneous ailments such as strangling and foamy discharge at nostrils. An occasional pig walks in circles.

After considerable experimental work this trouble was diagnosed as a Vitamin A deficiency. Pigs fed fish oil high in Vita-



min A and those receiving green or cured alfalfa have not developed any of the symptoms in question. Prostrated, posteriorly paralyzed and otherwise ailing pigs were in most cases brought completely around and sent to market in normal condition by the feeding of skimmilk, fish oil and greens. In other cases alfalfa alone or fish oil alone has effected marked improvement, only one or two advanced cases failing to recover under such treatment.

Best Feed

Green or well cured alfalfa would appear to be the most economical source of Vitamin A for hogs but other green stuff is also good. Should green stuff not be available fish oil given in tepid water may be substituted. Fish oil has the advantage of furnishing Vitamin D as well as A.

Pigs farrowed from sows that have been fed an adequate supply of Vitamin A in one form or other are born with more resistance to prevalent disease germs.

Fish oil when used should be fed at the rate of one table-spoonful per sow daily throughout pregnancy. In fattening hogs the same dose should be given until the pigs reach a weight of 100 pounds.

New booklet on land use

IF you are interested in the best use of your land this year, next year and all the time, we suggest that you send for the bulletin "Cropping for Profit and Permanency." A new edition is now ready for distribution and copies may be obtained, free of charge, from the Department of Extension, University of Alberta; the Extension Service, Alberta Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, or from District Agriculturists.

Prepared by Dr. A. G. McCalla, Professor of Plant Science, University of Alberta, and W. E. Bowser, Soil Specialist with the Canada Department of Agriculture, this bulletin deals with approved cropping practices for the various zones of Alberta, and outlines suggested rotations that will maintain our soils and provide a basis for farm stability. No matter where you are residing in Alberta you can turn at once to the portion of the bulletin dealing with your area and acquaint yourself with the possibilities of the district in which you are farming. The suggestions offered will give you a lead as to

whether you are now following the best cropping practices, or as to how your program may be improved.

"Cropping for Profit and Permanency" is a bulletin that no farmer in the province should be without. If the principles therein recommended are generally adopted we shall be well on our way towards a system of farming that will provide for both profit and permanency.

Cereal grain as hog feed

A series of tests to determine the relative value of oats, wheat and barley as hog feed have been completed recently at the Experimental Farm, Brandon. The results of the tests indicate that each of these grains has its place in hog feeding.

Oats can be fed to best advantage as the main constituent of the weanling pig ration. If it makes up more than fifty per cent of the ration fed during the later growth period some reduction in growth rate may result.

The tests also show that, contrary to popular belief, considerable amounts of wheat can be fed to market hogs without danger of over-finish. There is no tendency toward lowered carcass quality unless wheat makes up more than fifty per cent of the meal ration provided an adequate amount of protein supplement is fed.

Barley can be fed with good results either alone or as a mixture with oats or wheat. In spite of the fact that a complete barley ration (plus supplement-gives good results it is generally advisable to feed a mixture of grains in an effort to increase palatability and feed consumption.

Land of milk and honey

DAIRY specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture have announced that they have worked out a way to prepare dried mixtures of honey and skim milk. By first mixing the honey with fluid skim milk, the U.S.D.A. scientists have found a practical way to dry both the honey and the milk.

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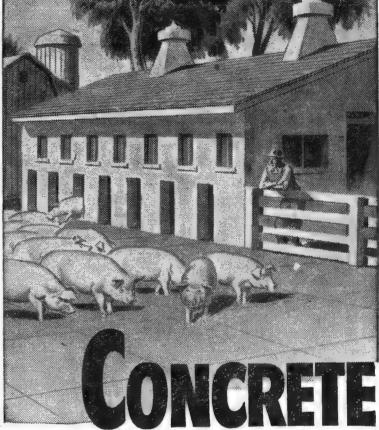
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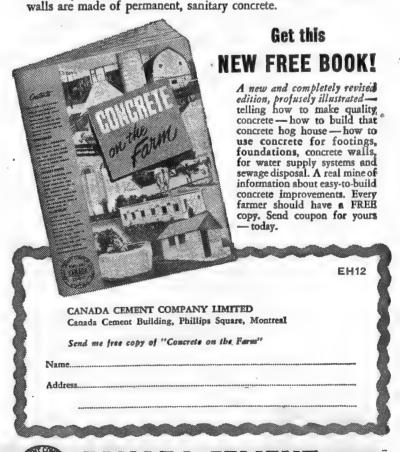
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These thousands of young trees won't be much use if the readers of the Farm and Ranch don't start planning now to get them for shelter-belts.

White rats taught us plenty about what food to eat

By MARINA DUECK, Klufeld, Man.

BEING quite interested in nutrition we students decided we would perform an experiment on nutrition with white rats in our school. Shortly before they arrived we made the cages and the food jars were put into them. As soon as the rats arrived we put two rats on a good diet of brown bread, milk, vegetables, fruit and meat and two on a poor diet of white bread with jam, cookies, soft drinks and coffee.

The object of this experiment was to see what affect food has upon the growth and development of rats. The rats were cared for and fed by the pupils each day. The rats were weighed each week and the progress of the experiment studied. We did not see rapid changes because the rats were fully grown when we obtained them.

After three weeks of feeding the two well fed rats died of a contracted disease caught from some pupil. But even after this catastrophe we did not completely give up. We kept on giving the poorly fed rats their diet.

On Dec. 1st we had the surprise of our life. One rat presented us with a litter of 10 young ones. Four of them died immediately.

When the six remaining little rats were four weeks old we started once more. Two were put on a good diet of vegetables, fruits, meat, brown bread and milk and two on a poor diet of white bread with jam, cookies, coffee, and soft drinks, and the other two were given to two pupils who took them home as pets.

These rats were still in the growing stage so they showed much better results. The well fed rats gained 35 grams a week while the poorly fed gained 5 grams a week.

The well fed rats were con-

tented and friendly when we played with them, their fur was smooth, thick and shiny. The poorly fed were restless and unfriendly when we took them, and their fur was thin, fuzzy, and blue skin underneath.

So after 6 weeks of feeding our experiment is ended and we have clearly proved that food plays a very important part in growth, development, and behaviour of a rat. The results in these rats would be identically the same in a human being.

Another, co-op feed barn

WHEN the Parry community feed barn association was incorporated early in February it was the fifth such organization to be formed in Saskatchewan, G. M. McLeod, supervisor of co-operatives, announced today. Other co-operative feed barns have been built or acquired at Davidson, Glen Ewen, Hendon and Stoughton.

These co-ops are organized where a need exists in a trading centre for a barn in which farmers may house their horses when they come to town in winter in sleighs or vans to do their week's shopping, Mr. McLeod said. Sometimes they sponsor a dance or other form of entertainment to raise the money needed to build the barn. More often they sell shares to finance the project. Donations also often are made by businessmen and by municipalities.

These are service co-operatives only, Mr. McLeod pointed out, and no provision is made for patronage dividends. In case of a surplus the money is used for repairs to the barns or a reduction in the service charge.

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Use of alfalfa grows steadily in Saskatchewan

been distributed and sold to Saskatchewan farmers during the last four years under the agriculture department's forage crop program, Hon. I. C. Nollet, minister of agriculture, commented, in announcing the 1951 program.

Among the seed sold were 175,000 pounds of alfalfa which is gaining in favor as a hay crop in many parts of the province, according to Mr. Nollet. Farmers have bought enough to sow over 80,000 acres, in mixture with other grasses. Many are so well pleased with it they are buying additional amounts.

The department's program is designed to encourage the use of alfalfa in mixture with grass for pasture and hay production, the minister pointed out. Experimental stations in the prov-ince have proved that alfalfa seeded with grass almost doubles the yield of hay as compared to grass alone. Even at used as their fodder reserve.

ALMOST 1,000,000 pounds of Swift Current under dry land forage seed mixtures have conditions, mixtures of alfalfa and brome or crested wheat have yielded an average of almost a ton per acre while the grasses alone yielded about half a ton per acre.

> In pastures similar results are obtained, as evidenced by increased carrying capacity where alfalfa was in the mixture. Even though under very dry conditions with heavy grazing the alfalfa will die out in two or three years the extra yield during those years pays many times the cost of the seed.

> The whole program ties in with the fundamental programs of the department directed toward better land use, Mr. Nollet explained. It is especially help-ful in building of feed reserves on the farm as insurance against drought years. If livestock owners seed down enough acreage to produce all the feed they require in an average year the surplus in wet years can be

the field crops branch, Mr. Nollet said, include varying proportions of alfalfa, brome and/or crested wheat grass. The six mixtures have been specially prepared for use in one or more of the various soil zones of the province. The total cost of each mixture ranges from \$1.30 to \$2.50 per acre.

Seed of reed canary grass and of corn may also be obtained from the field crops branch.

Under the program seed in mixtures is sold at carload wholesale prices and the department absorbs the cost of handling and re-bagging. Local freight is prepaid by the depart-

Seed mixtures available from ment and inoculum for the alfalfa seed is furnished free.

> Farmers who wish to buy seed of grasses alone, especially for seed production, are advised to do so through their co-operative or from seed companies and to buy registered or certified

> Copies of the price list are avaliable at all R.M.'s or L.I.D.'s offices and through agricultural representatives or by writing to the Field Crops Branch, Regina.

Handyman

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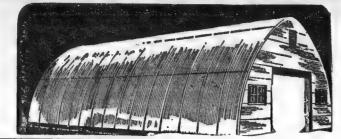
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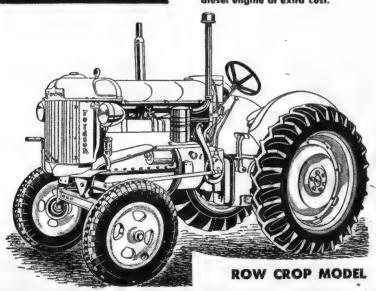
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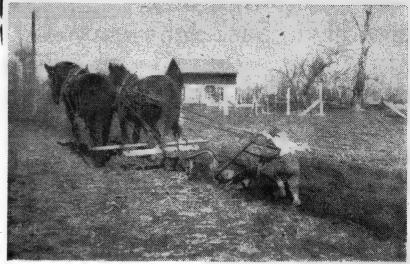
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Let's get all the answers to these power questions

Did vou ever think of heating your house with electricity? ing your house with electricity? Very few people have, but with the twentieth century speed of dissipating natural fuel deposits we may have to change our thinking to provide for the future. Wood, coal and fuel oil, are being 'mined' at ever increasing speed and cost. The costs of distribution increase steadily in spite of improvesteadily in spite of improvements in distribution facilities. It is quite conceivable that the cost of heat from these fuels might overtake the cost of electricity, That would be unfortunate! It is also conceivable that energy generated by fall-ing water and by wind might become as cheap as energy from common fuels. That would be progress! In either case we might have to consider a far greater use of electricity— even to the extent of heating our homes with it..

Information Needed

For the present we seem to have reached a stalemate. The nave reacned a stalemate. The customers, (you and L), do not know how to plan for the future, and many of the industries which could serve us do not know what to produce. Information is needed and it is needed now. The farmer using hydro power needs to know if he should plan on cheaper nowhe should plan on cheaper pow-er with increasing use. The far-mer out of reach of present power development needs to know what the prospects are for future expansion. The industries designing generators for individual use need to know whether they are catering to a temporary or permanent demand.

In fact one might ask, is there any over all guidance to the development and dissipa-tion of our natural fuel resources? With the widespread use of petroleum products as heating fuel still increasing by leaps and bounds; how long will it be before we are short of these fuels for use by motor vehicles, tractors, marine and aircraft engines. Possibly the country people should be planting woodlots instead of looking to elec-tricity for fuel and power to finish off the work of this generation. Certainly we would do well to conserve what we have. We have an abundance of

rumors but only fragments of information which may be misleading. We understand there is a heavy loss in transporting electric power over long lines. What does this mean in terms of future development? Will it be more economical to sell all the power for the heating of city homes than to transport it to more distant customers? What is the relationship between distance and cost in the distribution of electricity? There are fairly definite lim-

its to the amount of hydro power which can be developed in Western Canada. Can the total output ever meet the needs of the people in any of the Western Provinces? If so which provinces? Will hydro power meet these needs on a basis of electric lights for everybody; or will it wash, sew, cook, do the farm chores, heat the water, and heat the homes? Will there be any left over in the favored provinces of British Columbia and Alberta? Is there any possibility of exporting a surplus from one province to another?

Alternatives

Just in case hydro power will never meet the needs of everyone, we should have information on these questions: What is being done to improve wind power units? Has there been a reliable test on the effectiveness of all types of wind wheels designed to date? Is anything being done to promote the de-velopment or use of better units? Can the generators be improved or re-located in such a way as to be driven by an engine in case of wind failure? Storage of electric energy

what a headache! but let us

rumors that storage batteries on this continent are decidedly inferior to those in use in Europe, and that the latter cannot be imported. We-listened to a radio broadcast the other night in which a battery service man was asked: "Are the English cars sold here equipped with English batteries?" Answer: "Batteries are the same the world over." Although irrevelant the answer is interesting if true. What is the truth? Surely someone knows the facts or can find them out. Any substantial improvement in the method of storing electrical energy would do more to bring electricity to Western farm homes than any other single If there is a better factor. storage battery we need it. If batteries are 'the same the world over', we must admit that while spectacular improvement has been made in all things mechanical and electrical, storage batteries have been the neglected exception. In fact we used to figure on two to four years service from a thirteen plate car battery but now we are satisfied to settle for one or two years from an extra super special seventeen plate marvel

other half century of progress. Advertising is the anaesthetic which is supposed to make us

Money is being spent freely for research of almost every kind imaginable, but how much is being spent on the develop-ment of a really economical method of storing electrical energy? Of course we don't want research. We want a How about storage system! setting up a fitting reward for such a development? Meanwhile the wind, our greatest natural source of power, blows merrily around our ears - un-

Suppose the electrical and chemical engineers say they give up; there is absolutely no way of developing better storage of electricity. Of course we wouldn't believe them, but as long as they feel that way, why not find ways of storing work rather than energy. Water can be pumped and stored; feed can be chopped and stored. It might be hard to milk the cows a week in advance just because there is a good wind to run the milking machine today; but where there is a will there determined try at storing heat for cooking, cold for refrigeration and energy in some other form to milk the cows?

If our candidates in the next series of elections want to talk about rural electrification (and it should be good for one more round), let us give them a chance to furnish all the information we are lacking. Action could be started on may phases of the problem and it could be encouraged and directed on many others. Make no mistake, we do not need a 'survey of the situation' or a Royal Commission. These bulky reports gather too much dust. All we need is action with continuing and purposeful drive behind it. There is probably no question posed above which cannot be answered now, if the facts are made known by the people who know them. We should be getting on with the job.

Let us not be lulled into complacency by the prospect of development of a few large power schemes such as the Saskatchewan River project. These are important. One cannot drive through the Calgary-Banff area without being impressed by the

face the facts. There are ugly which is supposed to mark an- is a way. Why not have a more tremendous development which has taken place and may be still possible. On the other hand one cannot look at the smoke from the chimneys of our Western cities when it is forty below zero, without being impressed by the tremendous capacity of our homes for using heat and power. Remember they will all be heated with electricity when its cost meets the cost of other fuels. How much will be left for rural electrification? Every possible source of power is important!

Effective Competition

The small generator, whether operated by wind or other power, will always be an important competitor. In fact it will be the only real competitor in We have been most localities. prone to think efficiency increases with size, and large corporations are immune from the competition of small enterprise. But why is it possible to travel first class to Eastern Canada and drive one automobile out West on its own power and get it here cheaper than the most efficient transportation systems in the world? It doesn't make sense, but it is effective (Continued on page 40)



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Near Accident



Mrs. Mike Rabby of Viking, Alta., got this interesting picture of a well mired trailer and up-ended tractor.

"I Saw . . . "

Who says our wild life has no sense of humor!

During the first week of November, I turned my four horses out into the field with their halters on. That evening when I called them into the barn, the grey gelding's halter was missing. The next day I turned the four horses out in the field again, but this time I left the halters in the barn. I needed the lost halter very much, so I walked around the fence where I thought the horse might have rubbed the halter off on a fence post, but I could not find it. That evening, the day after the halter had been lost I called the horses to the barn. To my amazement, here came the grey gelding carrying home his lost halter in his mouth..

Harry Landstrom. Hatfield, Sask.

Last fall while I was taking lunch out to the threshers, I noticed a hawk swoop down, pick up a mouse and quickly fly away. I watched it soar up into the sky and saw two more hawks hovering over head. The

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competition. If we ever hope to use really cheap electricity, the price will have to be set by the individual generator.

Of course you will say there is one bright spot on the horizon — the heat pump. Yes, the heat pump offers hope of something really revolutionary in heating. It comes close, even in the experimental stage, to making it economical to heat a Canadian home by electric power. Especially where power rates are lowest. But to depend on this type of develop-ment alone is like trying to strip a cow before you milk her. This expression may be slightly confusing to our city friends although the proposition may seem highly logical. However this article is intended for the country folk and their elected or prospective representatives. Are we agreed on the lines of action needed?

hawk suddenly opened its claws and down came the mouse. When it had nearly reached the earth one of the hawks swooped down as fast as lightening, caught the mouse and rose up to the height of the others. This carried on for some time; each taking turns catching the mouse. Finally one of the hawks flew off into the trees with the mouse and ate it. Birds and animals also have their bit

M. Kroening. Marshall, Sask.

We were threshing on some wheat not far from a lake where a considerable number of wild Canada geese were resting. About four o'clock a large flock of geese circled over another part of the field, and, finally, came to rest and started feeding, all but one, a snow white one. He circled around two or three times, then flew back to the lake. In a few minutes he came back leading another small flock of geese. As soon as the second flock had settled, he went back again and brought seven more. He then sat down to feed with the rest of them. I watched the next day and the same thing happened again, only he made one trip back and brought five geese this time. He seemed to be the same kind of goose except that he was white, with just the same wing spread as the rest as far as I could see. All the other geese were just ordinary Canada geese. The white one seemed to be their leader. At least ten people saw all this with me.

Ted Peterson.

Bright Sand, Sask.

One day recently, as I was looking out our front window, I saw Sandy, our 75-pound dog lying full length on the path in front of the house, busily chewing a bone I had given him. He was facing south. Several yards to the north, Silver, the horse, was eating hay near the hay

shed. Spying Sandy lying in sat on them every time they the road, the horse left his hay slept for about two months, and and literally "tip-toed" noise- had many a fight with the old lessly to where the dog was. Then leaning over he gave the dog one good "bump" on his rear. The dog, either from his rear-end impact with the horse's nose or from fright over the sudden "attack", or both, bounced into the air. The dog soon regained his composure, picked up his bone, and went to a safer spot while the horse started back to the hay with an almost humorous expression on his face over the "joke" he had played on the dog.

Mrs. Judson Post. Box 491, Prince George, B.C.

This week I saw something happen that happens perhaps once in a thousand times: punishment meted out unintentionally to the culprit. It happened this way: We have a cow that has developed a taste for clothes on the line. After each wash-day when the "wash" is hanging outside, the rule is to keep the yard gate shut to keep out the cow. My brother left the gate open. The cow lost no opportunity to walk to the clothesline and chew up his good shirt. This was perhaps "poetic" jus-

Bill Greshuk. Box 43, Two Hills, Alberta.

Where I live we have those large grasshoppers which some people call prairie locusts. They fly fifteen and twenty feet up in the air, then flutter like a curlew and make a noise like a Last summer, rattle snake. while I was pulling weeds, one was very noisey. All at once a black bug flew at it and pierced its head, then both landed at my feet. Grasshopper was dead as a rock. I have seen that same bug do that for years, but that's the first time I have seen him do the killing while the grasshopper was on the wing. I was thinking if we could get a few billion of these bugs raised somewhere we'd get rid of our grasshopper trouble.

Emil Lorentson. · Bindloss, Alta.

Early one morning as I was walking to look at my traps, a few hungarian partridges flew away. Then suddenly a horned owl flew at them and knocked one down, leaving it very dizzy. He dived again and killed it. When the horned owl was going to pick up the partridge, a large snowy owl rushed there. It chased the horned owl, picked up the partridge and beat it.

Frank Welter. Box 8, Plunkett, Sask.

A turkey hen was sitting on a nest in the barn. It was raining, so we put our old sow in the barn as she was to farrow soon. Next morning, I went down to the barn and was sur-prised to see the turkey hen sitting on twelve little pigs which were born during the night. She had many a fight with the old sow, over the possession of their love and attention.

Mrs. Mary Yadlowsky.

-Iron River, Alberta. While combining I saw two hawks worrying a duck. I went to see why the duck didn't fly and found it had both eyes picked out.

G. Ray Robison. Chinook, Alberta.

One sunny morning last fall I went to let the hens out of the henhouse. Imagine my surprise to find a huge grey owl perched upon the deserted roosts while the hens huddled in a dark corner on the floor! For a moment I was stumped as to how it got in, then remembered the stovepipe in the roof that was used as a ventilator. It had pushed its way down through the pipe and had chosen the roosts as the perfect resting place.

Mrs. B. Cameron. Roblin, Man.

"I Saw ...

A rat clinging to my cow's upper hind leg and warming itself between the cow's legs and udder.

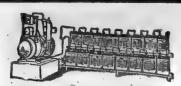
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As our barn is dug in a hillside the front and roof are built of poles and packed with straw and is about 14 feet high in the inside.

Well, one morning when my brothers went out to do the chores, and opened the door, there stood a strange horse in the middle of the barn. They could not figure how the horse got in, then they looked up to the roof and saw he had fallen through as there was a big hole there. The horse came to our place during the night, walked on top of the barn and fell through, but was unhurt.

So now Dad built a fence around the barn.

Harvey Hoffarth, Gull Lake, Sask.

One day as my sister went to get the cows, she heard a noise and she stopped to listen. As soon as she stopped a little cub" bear came out of a field of oats. My sister turned back and was running home crying, the bear after her. Then our dog chased him away. Since that time we haven't seen him any more.

John Mruk, Brownvale, Alta.

I saw a weasel carrying a rat from the henhouse across the yard and down a large hole in the field. In a few minutes he came back to the henhouse and got another rat. Altogether during the afternoon I saw him carry twelve rats from the henhouse over to his den. Some were pretty big, but he managed to carry them clear of the ground.

Roy Fraser. Kirkella, Manitoba,

One day, in the spring, a horse stepped on the goose and killed her. The gander never left her dead body until the men took it away. She had already laid some eggs which were given to a hen to hatch. While she was setting on the eggs the

gander followed one of the men around wherever he went, even to the neighbor's place half a mile away. After the eggs had hatched, and the goslings were large enough, the hen was let out. One day the gander saw her. He killed her and kidnapped the goslings and raised them himself.

Patricia Crowley. Glenside, Sask.

One of the cleverest things which Jim, my pet crow, does, is to sneak up to the cat when she is eating, quickly reach out and grab her dish and eat it himself. As the cat follows the dish and is about to begin again, Jim repeats the performance, dragging the dish all across the floor, if need be, till he has all he wants. Then as he goes by her, he will give her tail a sharp pinch, enough to make her

Wesley Miller.

Bjorkdale, Sask.

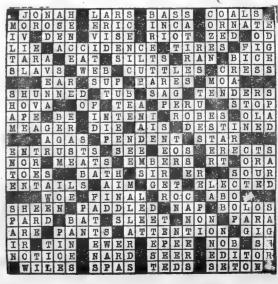
One day when I came home from school, Dad told me to hurry and go to the strawpile because half of the straw pile tumbled down. I quickly took the forks and ran as fast as I could. I got there and started to count the cattle. I noticed that three of our calves were missing. Soon Dad eame and we both dug about two hours before we saved them. calves were all wet, hardly breathing. They would have choked in about five minutes.

Raymond Kalach. Frains, Alberta.

We have an old dry well on our farm, which is about eight feet deep. There is no top on the well, so any animal or insect can fall in. One day while I was passing near the well I decided to look down it and see what had fallen in. To my surprise I didn't see much, and nothing very big; just a tiny shrew. Two things that I did notice



Solution to last month's puzzle



were that there was an unpleasant smell coming out of the well, and that the bottom of the well was covered with dozens of white skulls and bones, similar to those of a mouse. It immediately struck my mind that this little shrew had survived a long time by devouring every mouse that had fallen down the well. I saw that there was no more food left in the well for the shrew, and if mice were to discontinue coming in, he would certainly starve to death.

Alvin Kruger. Choiceland, Sask.

Out in the hay field there was an old hay stack bottom. I rode over to it and got up on it. All of a sudden the horse jumped, and, no wonder, for I saw a big garter snake crawling over his feet. I got out of there fast enough but I went back again and this time I saw about twelve little snakes no bigger than the tines of a hay fork crawling around.

Miss Mary Eshelby. Box 463, Russell, Man.

One day my friend and I were coming home from school. we reached the top of a hill we looked down on the other side and saw a huge deer. A piece of its flank was dangling along and blood dripped on the fresh snow. The deer must of been wounded in some way or other, As soon as it saw us it jumped over a nearby fence and ran We hurried home and told Dad. He took his gun and went after it. He wanted to put it out of its misery, but he couldn't find it anywhere.

Irene Kerbs.

Semans, Sask.

One day when I was in our meat house, I noticed some tracks that mice had made, so I decided to catch them. I set a mouse trap baited with margar-ine on the table. I waited for two nights and didn't catch any mice. Then I took another mouse trap, baited it with but-ter, and set it beside the other trap on the table. In four nights I caught four mice in the trap baited with butter, but none in the trap baited with margarine. After that I decided there was quite a difference between butter and margarine.

Kenneth Jensen. Box 14, East Poplar, Sask.

One summer morning mother got up and tried to light the It was a very old stove which had a hole burnt through from the fire-box to the oven. The fire refused to burn in spite of all efforts to light it. The smoke kept pouring out at a point just below the damper in the pipe. At last Daddy said it must be stopped up, so he took it apart. There he found a bad-ly frightened, sooty mother duck. She had come down the chimney and got as far as the damper and could not get any further. Daddy said if the damper had been turned she could have got into the firebox and then into the oven. Then

we had roast duck anyway, but not entirely unexpected.

Patsy Durling. Westlock, Alberta.

About 6:30 one morning I looked out of the window and saw a group of rabbits (6 or 8) playing what looked like a form of tag. One would stand in the centre while the others formed a circle around it and then they would all run around in the cirin the centre would jump up ning for home. I tried to hold about two feet. This perform- her back but couldn't. My ance continued until they all brother saw the horse running cle and when they quit the one had taken a turn at being in the centre and then they all went shaking her head. Brother lookaway.

Glenda Ellice.

three yards long. tried to brush us off the tree. We called our dog to chase him away, then we climbed down the tree and over the fence. When we got to the house I was sure glad.

Shirley McAlister. Lomond. Alberta.

My sister and I went for a buggy ride with our grey mare. We were going along on a slow trot. Suddenly our horse started shaking its head and runand stopped it for us. When he ed in her ear and to our surprise

Blackie, Alberta.

One day my sister and I went back to our dugout. There are real tall evergreen trees by it, and we were standing down by them when our horse came up, We were scared so we climbed up the tree and sat on a limb

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we would of had an unexpected that extended about two or there was a young bat in the feed of roast duck. As it was three yards long. The horse horse's ear. He took it out and the horse stopped shaking its head.

Rebecca Waldner. Box 13, Magrath, Alta.

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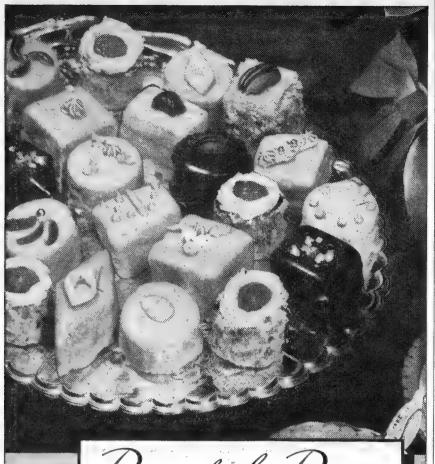
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5 thsps, butter

1/2 cup fine granulated sugar 2 eggs

1 tsp. grated lemon rind 3 tbsps. milk

1/2 ∤sp. vanilla

minutes, then turn out and remove paper. When cold, trim away side crusts and split cake into 3 layers; put together again with a thin spread of Royal Pudding (made up in any of its flavors) or with jam; press layers together lightly. Turn cake top-side down and cut into squares or diamonds with a sharp knife, or cut into fancy shapes with shares or cut into fancy shapes with sharp little cookie cutters. Spread with butter icing or arrange, well apart, on cake cooler and cover with the accompanying Petits Fours Frosting. Decorate as desired.

PETITS FOURS FROSTING

1/4 tsp. plain gelatine I tsp. cold water 1/4 cup granulated sugar 1 large egg white 1 tbsp. com syrup

1/4 cup water 1 pound icing sugar, sifted 2 tbsps. shortening

½ tsp. vanilla

Soften gelatine in the 1 tsp. cold water. In top of double boiler combine sugar, corn syrup and the ¼ cup water; over direct heat, bring just to a full rolling boil, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat and stir in softened gelatine; cool to 120° (just a little hotter than lukewarm). Stir in sifted icing sugar and then the unbeaten egg white, shortening and vanilla. Place cake cooler of little cakes on a clean dry metal or parcelain table top; slowly roug forestion. shortening and vanilla. Place cake cooler of little cakes on a clean dry metal or porcelain table top; slowly pour frosting over little cakes until they are coated. When frosting has been poured, lift cake rack and with a spatula scrape frosting from table top and return to saucepan; heat over hot water until again of pouring consistency and pour over unfrosted cakes—continue in this way until all cakes have been frosted. For variety, frosting may be divided and tinted delicate pastel shades or a little melted chocolate may be added and the frosting shinned with hot water.



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Baked Ham

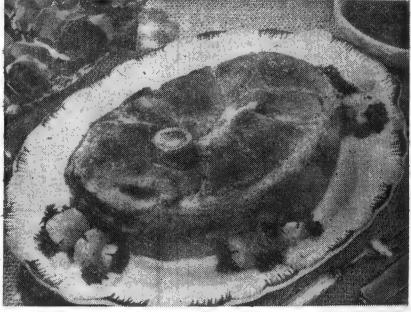
Place either whole or half ham in an open roasting pan, with fat side up so that the

For delicious meals with and most families do - you ham-slices as the entree, here are some favorites.

Western Style Ham

Mix mustard and brown sugar together, moisten with weak vinegar, and rub into both sides of ham slices, cut ¾ inch thick. Bake at 350° F. for 1 hour, with a covering of weak vinegar on the bottom of the pan. Baste meat with this ham-and-vinegar mixture every 15 minutes and when meat is done, remove to hot platter. Into the thick, browned liquor in pan, empty can of dry kernel corn, or freshly cooked corn, cut from the cob. Heat this well in the juice; it will absorb most of it. Serve ham with corn around edge, garnished with parsley.

Broiled Ham with Peaches Preheat broiler and grease broiler-rack with a piece of ham



juices will keep the leaner parts well greased. Bake in a 300° F. oven, allowing 20 minutes to the pound. (Some people allow less time, but we like our ham so tender we can break the meat apart with a fork, and twenty minutes per pound makes it that way!) Occasionally, baste the ham with the natural juices that increase in depth in the pan; this helps to keep the meat moist.

Thirty to forty minutes be-fore the ham is to come out, remove from oven, score the fat in large diamond shapes, rub the surface with a mixture of brown sugar, a little flour and mustard, then push whole cloves in the center of each diamond. Baste gently to moisten covering, then put back in oven for the last half hour of baking. If pineapple is to be added, fasten with toothpicks over each diamond.

Gash fat edges on oneinch-thick ham slices in several places; this prevents curling during cooking. Place meat on the rack two inches beneath broiling unit and broil five minutes on each side. After broil-ing on one side, turn and ar-range well-drained canned peaches on the broiler rack. Brush fruit with melted butter, or fortified margarine, and broil until second side of ham is done, when peaches will be heated through and brown.

Baked Ham with Spices and Peaches

Gash the fat edge of an inchthick slice of ham, then rub 1/4 cup of brown sugar into the top; place in shallow baking pan. Combine ½ tsp. cinnamon, ¼ tsp. ginger, ½ tsp. allspice, with enough peach juice (from canned peaches) to make a smooth mixture, then add the rest of 3/4 cup of peach juice

and 3 whole cloves. Pour this mixture around ham-slice but NOT over it. Bake in a 325° F. oven for 20 minutes, then start basting ham with the juice and continue cooking for 25 minutes more. Thicken the juice slightly with cornstarch (if desired), and serve with the ham.

Cranberried Ham

Gash the fat edges of an inchthick slice of ham, stick whole cloves in the fat. Rub 2 tblsps. of brown sugar into the meat, then pour over it a mixture made from 1 cup of cranberry sauce, ½ cup of crushed pine-apple and 1 tsp. of grated orange rind. Cover the baking pan and bake for 45 minutes in a 325° F. oven, uncovering the last ten minutes to brown. Serve the ham topped with some of the fruit mixture.

French Ham Sandwiches

Every housewife knows the ham hock is wonderful for cooking lima or navy beans, or for making split-pea soup. These vegetables, simmered with the ham hock, take on a delicious flavor. When done, it is a good idea to pull all of the lean meat apart and serve it in pieces with the beans or peas. Homemakers know, too, that their families can always be served ham sandwiches, with the ham cut paper-thin between enriched white or whole wheat

For an extra-special treat, make ham sandwiches, then dip in an egg-and-milk batter and fry in butter or fortified margarine. Sprinkle sandwiches with grated cheese and slice into broiler just long enough to melt cheese and brown it.

When a baked ham (or a boil-

ed one if you prepare yours that way occasionally) gets down to "nubbins", the meat can still be used in many ways that will help round out "skinny" meals. Shredded, grated, or ground, it will add a real fillip to marconi and cheese, scrambled eggs, and an egg sandwich filling. our favorite sandwich recipes is minced ham, chopped homemade pickles, a bit of finely-minced onion — all moistened to spreading consistency with mayonnaise.

And here are some recipes which we like for using "hamnubbins" and which you might like, too!

Hidden Treasure Casserole 3 cups of medium cream sauce

1/4 lb. cheese - diced

- 1 lb. fresh mushrooms, or equal amount canned or dried ones
- 3 cups finely diced cooked ham 1 qt. of cooked noodles, broken up,
- or chopped

6 hard-cooked eggs

Buttered bread crumbs

Make the cream sauce, and place in top of double boiler, then add the diced cheese, and the mushrooms (cut. into Cook 20 minutes then pieces). add ham and noodles. Pour the mixture into a well-oiled casserole, and sprinkle with the buttered bread crumbs. Cut eggs in lengthwise halves and place evenly around the outside of the casserole, pressing down into mixture so just the tops show. Bake for 20 minutes, when crumbs will be brown.

Hodge-Podge Casserole

1 minced onion

2 cups tomatoes (canned or fresh)

1 cup cooked macaroni

- 1 cup cheese cut or ground or grated
- 1 cup of ground or slivered cooked ham

Brown onion in fat, then add tomatoes and heat well. Add cooked macaroni, cut up cheese and ham and heat for ten minutes, then pour into well-oiled casserole, top with buttered crumbs and bake for 15 or 20 minutes, or until crumbs are well browned.

Mrs. Wise knows her meat cuts

THE less tender cuts of meat can be made just as delicious as the most expensive meats if you use the proper cooking methods, says Miss Joyce Lewis, Nutrition Special-Alberta Department ist. Agriculture.

Mrs. Wise doesn't have to worry about costs of meat cuts since she has her meat supply tucked away in the frozen food locker. But she does know what part of the animal each cut comes from and guides her cooking methods accordingly. She knows that muscles in the more exercised part of the animal are longer and stronger hence cuts from these parts are less tender. Shoulder cuts, or chuck, and cuts from the hip or 'round" of beef, for instance, should be cooked with moist heat or "braised". Pot roasting is a form of braising.

Rump cuts may be oven roasted if they come from high quality beef. A good mottling of fat makes the cut juicier and more tender. These same cuts from poorer quality beef should be pot roasted. The same applies to steaks from the top round which is the inside cut of the round. Top round steaks may be broiled or fried if they came from high quality beef. Other cuts of the round, and top round steaks from poorer quality beef should always be braised — as in Swiss Steak for example.

Cuts from the loin and rib section are more tender and from them we get our more expensive steaks and roasts. Cuts from the shoulder (chuck), neck, round, shank, flank, brisket, or plate have just as much food value. And from them can be made delicious pot roasts, stews, meat pies, patties or loaves. Remember that the tougher cuts must be cooked by moist heat, or tenderized by grinding, pounding or the addition of acid (such as tomatoes, sour milk or cream, or vine-Just look in your cook book and see how many delicious recipes there are for using these cuts, suggests Miss Lewis.

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V2 cup lukewarm water
1 teaspoon granulated sugar
and stir until sugar is dissolved. Sprinkle with contents of

1 envelope Fleischmann's Royal Fast Rising Dry Yeast Let stand 10 minutes, THEN stir well;

stir in cooled milk mixture and 1 well-beaten egg

2 cups once-sifted bread flour

and beat until smooth; work in
2½ cups once-sifted bread flour Turn out on lightly-floured board and knead dough lightly until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl, brush top with melted butter or shortening. Cover and set dough in warm place, free from draught and let rise until doubled in bulk.

While dough is rising, combine

1/2 cup brown sugar (lightly
pressed down)

1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/2 cup washed and dried seedless

1/4 cup chopped candied peels Punch down dough and divide into 2 equal portions; form into smooth balls. Roll each piece into an oblong 24 inches long and 71/2 inches wide; loosen dough. Spread each oblong with

2 tablespoons soft butter or

margarine
and sprinkle with the raisin mixture. Beginning at the long edges, roll each side up to the centre, jelly-roll fashion. Flatten slightly and cut each strip crosswise into 10 pieces. Using a lightly-floured handle of a knife, make a deep crease in the centre of each bun, parallel to the cut sides. Place, well apart, on greased cookie sheets. Grease tops. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. Bake in moderately hot oven, 375°, about 18 minutes. If desired, cool and spread with confectioners' icing.



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Cookie 3.
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I gather hints for you!

Q.: How to make soda crackers at home.—(Mrs. I. F., Slave Lake.)

A.: There was a heartening response to this query. I wish to say thank you to all of the following who sent in their recipes: Mrs. J. O., Brosseau, Alta.; Mrs. M. P., Lac La Biche, Alta.; Mrs. M. L. B., New Denver, B.C.; Mrs. A. A., Waskatenau, Alta.; Mrs. R. L. Admiral, Sask.; Mrs. W. T., Victoria,, B.C.; Mrs. E. R., Ft. Langley, B.C.

All of these recipes submitted

fell into one of two types of recipes, so I'll give the two below and you can take your

choice.

Soda Crackers No. 1

4 cups flour, 1 tsp. soda, 1 tsp. salt, sour cream enough to hold dough. Roll thin on floured board, prick with fork and bake in moderate oven.

Soda Crackers No. 2 14 cups flour, 1 cup shortening, 4 tsps. cream of tartar, 2 tsps. soda. Work together then add 3 cups cold water. Work dough well and sprinkle lightly with salt. Prick with fork and bake in quick oven until deli-

cately brown. Q.: Can fish that has been frozen be canned safely? (In

February issue.)

A.: I answered "No" and backed myself up by authoritative cooking guides, but six rural women who have all canned fish in large quantities don't agree with me. They state that it can be canned, whether limp or stiff. From Mrs. J. S., Car-rot Creek, Alta., comes this very enticing recipe for canned fish. I promised to give you a good recipe for fish in this issue so here is one that surely sounds good and it has had much test-

Canned Fish

Fry fish in small enough pieces that will fit into jars. Brown on both sides and pack into the sterilized jars with NO LIQUID and process for 3 hours.

Q.: I can a lot of fish but can you give me some new recipes and ways to make it different? one needle for me. But here is

A.: I wrote this lady of the book I saw advertised in some of our Canadian magazines dealing with fish. Here is the address below for those who might also send for it: Dept. of Fisheries, Ottawa. Ask for the recipe book and folder for fish.

Q.: How can you can sauer-kraut after it is "ripe" in the crock? (left over from last

month).

A.: (From Mrs. O. L., Lethbridge, Alta.) Pack in sterilized jars having the juice cover to within ½ inch of top of jar. Screw tops tightly and process in water bath for 15 minutes. (No longer as overcooking darkens the color.) This same lady very kindly gave me the address of the canning guide from which she got this. Kerr Canning book, Kerr Glass Mfg. Corp., Sand Springs, Oklahoma, U.S.A. The price is fifteen cents.

Q.: I have tried without success to get a recipe for Humbugs? (J. D., Bowell, Alta.)
A.: Mrs. E. S., of Lethbridge,

Alta., sent in her recipe.

Humbugs

2 lbs. sugar, 1 tblsp. syrup, 2 oz. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. oil of peppermint, 1 cup cold water, 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar, 1/2 tsp. ginger.

Place sugar, syrup and water in pan to boil. Add cream of tartar and butter. Boil rapidly for 20 minutes. Remove from heat and add ginger and peppermint. Pour into greased platter and when cool pull (having your hands floured for this). When hard, cut into small pieces.

Q.: Where can I get a netting needle? How much does it cost? Where can I get a book of instructions? (These questions in similar forms came streaming in from Victoria to I really started Winnipeg. something when I printed that letter from Mrs. R. G. E. of California, who asked for a

netting needle.)
A.: As far as I've been able to find out to date there is no place in Canada where we can get either netting needles or a book of instructions for the art. have written dozens of letters and made inquiries everywhere I can. Even the famous Kate Aitken with her staff of 22 secretaries could only run down

The Dishpan Philosopher

last night about St. George's famous fight that left the drag-on lying dead and England have to go. And lots of lesser saved from fear and dread. But dragons might, with these two gone, give up the fight. hate now-there's a monstrous dragons on their own.

I HEARD the children talk brute. And greed—a bird of ill-last night about St. George's repute! Though if all peoples famous fight that left the drag-willed it so this evil pair would

It's easy though to moralize that no one knight could ever and, with a pen, be wonderous hope with such a wicked flock wise. While dragons every-to cope. Meantime their forces where abound, and daily push they combine all hopes and us all around, the best that dreams to undermine. Take folks can do alone is slay small

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an address "across the line" where you can get them: Sara Hadley, 11E 54th St., New York 22, N.Y. They cost 35 cents. For an instruction book write to Priscilla Publishing Co., 85 Broad St., Boston, Mass. The book is called Priscilla Netting and it also costs 35 cents.

Q.: I have a lot of beeswax on hand and have been looking for a recipe for home-made floor (Mrs. M. F., Pibroch, wax Sask.)

Floor Polish

Melt ½ lb. beeswax and pour into 1 quart turpentine then add 2 or 3 tblsps. household am-monia. Pour into a can and when you use it place in a larger pan of hot water over very low heat to keep warm while using. Apply with a flannel cloth (old underwear is good) and if you don't have a polisher use a piece of carpet to rub it.

Floor Wax No. 2

This is not as good as the first but easy to prepare. Just mix together equal parts melted candle wax and turpentine. (This is not as slippery as store wax so is good for elderly people or with children in the

Q.:I would like the recipe for sourdough pancakes. I have tasted them and they were good. I mean those made with a yeast

cake. (Mrs. A. W., Minitonas, Man.)

A.: I have not tried these myself but I took it from a book dish with cold water. Combine of home-tested recipes that also contained the recipe for Crazy Chocolate Cake that you liked so much.

Keep a Week Pancake Batter yeast cake, 2 cups milk scalded, 1 tblsp. sugar, 1 tblsp. melted shortening, 2½ cups flour, 2 eggs.

Stir these up the night before and leave covered in ice box. When you wish to use add a little water if batter is too thick. If you don't wish to leave this batter until it "sours" then use a whole yeast cake and use it the morning after mixing it. But it really will keep a week and some think the flavour is improved. To counteract the sour taste we are advised to add one tsp. vanilla.

Q: Living far from town I often get out of many commodities. Can you tell me if there is a home-made recipe for a laundry bleach? I think it is called Javelle Water. (Mrs. T.

A.:Yes, I see a recipe for it in my best household encyclopedia. Here it is:

Javelle Water

1 lb. washing soda, 1 qt. boiling water, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. choride of lime, 2 qts. cold water.

Put soda in an enamel pan oil and then in cigar ashes and and dissolve with the boiling rub on spots.

water. Mix lime in another Q. Is there any way to clean the two stirring well. Let set-tle: pour off the clear liquid, put into bottles and cork and keep in dark place. Change in color of this does not altar its effectiveness. Note: This must only be used on uncolored cotton, linen or rayon . . . never printed or plain silk or wool.

A dark printed silk dress has a nasty milk stain. After several washings in mild soap suds it still shows. What shall I do?

A. If this happens again remember to dip it in cold water right away as hot water sets a milk stain very badly. About the only thing to do now is to sponge with carbon tetrachloride then after it is dry rinse with lukewarm water.

Q. How can I remove a white mark from a varnished table? The mark was caused by a plastic mat. (Mrs. S. R., Ripplinger, Sask.)

A. I wish you'd told me the kind of wood for there are various treatments for different woods. Essence of peppermint or spirits of camphor are both recommended. Here is a good one: dip your finger in sweet

Q. Is there any way to clean badly smoked walls except the used them all and would like something different if possible. (Mrs. A. P., Stry, Alta,)

A. Some very usual soap and powders.

A. Some use water glass in the water... but I found it very hard on the hands. Here is a trick that is advised ... paint the walls with laundry starch solution. Then dry rub off ... the dirt is supposed to come too. the dirt is supposed to come too . . . hope it does!

Q. How can you can sauerkraut in jars after it is ripened in the crock? (Mrs. A. B., Coaldale, Alta.)

I gave Mrs. B. her private reply but I would welcome letters from any of you who have had successful experience with canning kraut.

Q. We can fish for summer use, but we find it rather flat We can fish for summer in flavor and would like some new ideas for canning fish. (Mrs. G. T. R., Brandon, Man.)

A. I don't think it's new ideas for canning fish you need but ideas on how to serve it that will be more appetizing. If you send me a stamped envel-ope, Mrs. R., I'll gladly send you several fine recipes or wait for the April issue and I'll share some recipes with you all.







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This year plant some flowers for the children

By V. M. SCHEMPP, Maidstone, Sask.

EVEN if you are not a flower enthusiast yourself, why not plan to plant a few rows of flowers for the children this year? It's surprising how many children love to come and pick a bouquet of their own. It isn't any bother to me, either, as my own two children, aged five and eight, have gardened with me every summer, and they know just where the rows of flowers are planted for their own special use. It's good for them to take care of their own little garden patch, but if they are too small to pull the weeds and spare the flowers, don't deny them the pleasure of picking a bouquet for their friends. Children love flowers, and they enjoy taking their own flowers to the teacher especially.

It isn't necessary to plan fussy flower beds, if you are a busy homemaker, or go to a lot of trouble. Simply eliminate the flowers which must be started indoors (petunias, snapdragons, asters, etc.), and select a few of the easy to grow, early and hardy annuals and plant two or three rows at one end of your vegetable garden. (I wouldn't put them next to the peas or carrots if I were you). Most of these varieties will self-sow, or seed may be saved from them by your small fry, who will enjoy harvesting them and storing them in various small bottles and boxes, with labels they can make and paste on, to keep the varieties separate.

The earliest and most reliable annuals I have found for sowing directly outdoors are: Phacelia, or California bluebells. A small plant, the earliest to bloom, a continual display of vivid blue. California poppies, (next early). The mixed hybrids are a lovely selection of shades, cream to chestnut, single, double and frilled.

Shirley poppies, single and double mixed. All shades from, white to red, including salmon pink, delicate and dainty.

Calendula, a later flower, blooming freely, in yellow and orange shades.

Clarkia, graceful sprays of double rosettes in white, pink, salmon, orange, crimson and purple.

White Hyacinth-flow e r e d candytuft. These are really striking, and bloom until late frost. The mixed candytuft is pretty, too, rose to purple shades.

Lavatera, beautiful rose-pink, large, showy flowers. They grow up like little trees, so must not be planted too close in the row, and belong to the mallow family.

Bachelor buttons, old favorites but new shades.

Nemesia: most gorgeous colour display I've ever seen in annuals. Bloom freely from summer until fall. Do not crowd in the row, as each plant forms a little round bush of its own. Often there are two or three shades or colours on one plant, and many of the flowers are bicoloured.

Annual baby's breath is nice to mix in, and Harmony and chrysanthemum flowered marigolds are lovely fall flowers, but quite late in most seasons.

The varieties I have mentioned are all hardy and need little attention beyond thinning early and weeding now and then. I always scuffle them with the hoe when I'm doing my garden, and they have always thrived on it. You'll find the children will derive hours of amusement from their flower-garden, and I'm sure you will enjoy the results yourself as well.

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It's sound economy to choose fabrics that will last longer

By ANN BARRETT

"ECONOMY" is now a familiar term to all homemakers, who find it wise to practise it in all the household needs these days of high cost prices. It is undoubtedly one of the chief determining factors when the decorative treatment of the windows of the home has to be considered. Like all other homefurnishings, there comes a need for the renewal of worn-out curtains, and we find it necessary to make a new selection of material which will be most suitable for the type of house to be decorative but not too expen-

Fresh Air and Sunshine

We are all conscious of the fact that our windows play an important role in our daily lives, for they bring us sunlight, air, color and action, and they also protect us from rain and cold weather. They influence, to a large degree the hours we spend indoors, and predominate in the scheme of conservating light and sunshine. There are various types of windows . . . some tall and narrow, broad and low, single or in groups, bay or casement, so we find that each requires its own special decorative treatment.

Lace Curtains

Lace, with its distinction for window draperies is a standard choice of decoration, and is adaptable to farm, ranch and ur-ban homes, and is both decor-ative from within doors as well as from out-doors.

Lace or net curtains should be made to hang close to the glass and within the window frame. In length, they should reach to the window sill, and they can be made to draw aside or cover completely the whole window as one wishes. Some women like to make them either shirred over the rods, with just a shallow heading extending above the rod, or to be hung on light brass rings, as invariably is the choice for Casement Draw-Curtains, which have the fullness held in place by a tape stitched to the back and to which the rings are attached, or may be shirred over two or three cords to which the rings are securely sewed. The tape the cords should be cut slightly longer than the width of the curtain rod.

Casement Draw-Curtains

Casement windows, when well-draped are very decorative, and fine net curtains with a modest design is suitable for this type of window. It is pre-ferable to gather top and bottom on rods and fasten close to the sash, but some prefer to leave the lower edge hang loose. Bright figured chintz is suitable for overdrapes, and if you are not using shades, you can use a draw cord to be drawn open or closed by hand. You will require about seven yards of pulley cord for an average size window, two "egg drops" to weight the ends of the cords, and a pair of brass pulleys which are fastened at each end of the curtain rod. The cords are then run over the pulleys and through the rings, and knots are tied on the centre rings to insure the curtains closing properly.

Bay Windows

The treatment of Bay-Windows, seen in many types of homes, are often a problem for the housewife to decorate, but one of our readers, whose home is in Huxley, Alberta, had an attractive idea for her diningroom bay-windows. Where the three windows came together at the end of the room, she allowed the centre curtains to fall straight, while the windows each side had each a drapedback curtain. A pair of draped-back curtains were used on the side window, and were made out of plain cotton net tinted in yellow to match those hung up on the bay-windows. Gold lustre side-hangings of sill length were used for drapes, which happy consistency did not interfere with reducing the natural light.

In this attractive unpretentious room, it was noticed that the table-sets including cloths and place doilies, as well as runners for the buffet and sidetable, were made of coarse, square-mesh filet net appropiately darned in with a combination of colours, which blended harmoniously with the draper-

Portieres

We have left till last the subject of portieres because these should always be simplicity itself, and so are generally best made of plain materials and left untrimmed and to hang in straight folds down to the floor, or rather to just escape the floor. Velvets and velours offer the homemaker a wide choice, either in solid colors or two-toned effects, and there are also the popular damasks. Wherever a portiere hangs dirdamasks. ectly between two rooms and is seen alike from both sides, it is made of two breadths of material and, where necessary, goods of two different colors, in order to carry out the colour-scheme of each room.

Sunfast and Tubfast

For the woman who must buy according to the limitations of her purse, it is advisable to choose fabrics of sunfast and tubfast qualities, so that she will not be required to change her decorations too often. Sometimes it means paying a little more, but always it means economy in the end, and you will find that the first cost is literally the final one in this interesting choice of curtain and drapery selection for the home.

Curtains can stay new longer if good common sense is used in the selection and care. For of what use is cheap material, if with a few weeks' exposure to light and sun, you find that its delicate beauty has faded away? There is no economy in planning some new decorative effects in our homes for only a brief few months till the sun has robbed it of all its glory.

On the other hand, it is the woman who takes pride in her home, who will look for serviceability as well as beauty and style, and will choose fabrics that neither sun nor dust can destroy, and when soiled, may be laundered at home just as any lace curtain, with care, is "done-up". And in this connection, it is well to remember that drapery fabrics should never be rubbed or put through a wringer, but carefully squeezed, so that the threads of the material will not become twisted and broken. Also the use of mild soap flakes will insure best results, which will bring out the beauty of the designs, and when skillfully draped will furnish much charm and decoration to the room.





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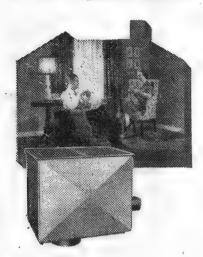


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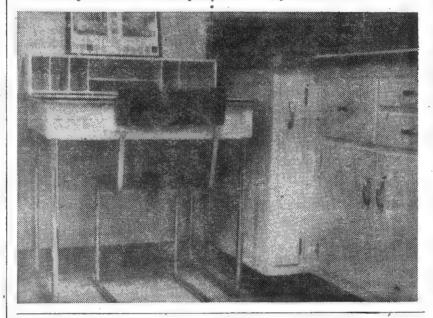
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The desk may be designed for your use only. It may also be a convenient place for one of the children to do his or her homework with you giving that much needed supervision while you wash up after supper.

A kitchen desk is a laborsaving device which you will find very worthwhile.







THE poetic picture of warm, gentle sweet, sunshiny, Spring suddenly descending on the country-side is an illusion in this country, true though it may be in some. Spring takes The snow has to melt time. and the frost has to leave the ground, usually at the beginning of April and everything underfoot resolves itself into a glutinous mud which sticks to one's rubber boots and drives the housewife mad. This little criticism is not meant as any disparagement of Spring's benevolent return, for the rising sap and growing things respond to the mud and moisture with colour and charm.

Then we are always reading some rhapsody about the "green festival" of Spring, but Spring is really a symphony of colours that change every day. There is the olive-green tinge of the sap-filled poplars and the grey of their furred flowerets; the yellow of long, hanging catkins of the willows and the brightening red of their branches; the

two weeks before a general agreement as to colour is reached, and then the prevailing note is a pale, new-washed green. The poet who saw only the fullness of green in Spring, arrived for the grand finale and missed the fascination of the great unfolding.

April is truly named, for it literally means "opening". The trussed-up leaf buds released from their sticky capsules, thicken up the poplars and balm of gileads into a panoply of young green, ravishing the senses with a faintly almond fragrance. The clear outline of branches to which we have be-come accustomed during the past five or six months against a winter sky, has softened and bloomed into tree flowers. One would have to be a very close and intent observer to see the terminal leaf-buds burst and so produce their first green leaves, which folded and tightly packed, uncurl and lengthen with April's magic.

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your first crocus — you are walking along and all at once you see a mauve and silver star shining in the brittle brown grass at your feet. A surprisepacket day if ever there was one, conplete with sunshine, sweet bud-scent, lacy clouds on gleaming blue, and the short, tuneful notes of the meadowlark, as if he too were rejoicing in your discovery. April 5th is I think, my earliest recording. The next day and the next there will appear more and more of these exquisite blooms, our province's pride. Having suffered the dearth of winter the first thrills of Spring are richly rewarding, even appreciated by lukewarm enthusiasts.

The birds arrive. Bold, noisy crows, saucy robins looking over last year's homes, delightful little black-capped chickadees with the merry chirp, song-sparrows bursting their throats, blackbirds pouring liquid mel-ody, all making plans to settle in with homes and mates. We shall hear whimpers and whispers, torrents of love-song, from dewy dawn to golden twilight as they possess the groves in a harmony of companionship.

Aunt Sal Suggests.

Hungarian Cookies

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6 tblsps. butter, ½ cup sugar (I used brown), 1 whole egg and 2 yolks, 1 cup bread flour, 1 tsp. cinnamon, ½ cup chopped walnuts.

Method: Cream shortening and sugar. Add whole egg and extra yolks. Sift in dry ingredients and work well. Take out onto lightly floured board and really knead it. Cover and stand in cool place for ½ hour. Then roll thin and cut in desired shapes. Place them on greased cookie sheets and paint each cookie with egg white (not beaten) and sprinkle generous ly with finely ground nuts. Bake in moderate oven 15 minutes. Watch them carefully for they will burn easily because of the egg topping.

NOTE: All readers are invited to send in their home making questions to Aunt Sal. Just address your letters to AUNT SAL, in care of the FARM & RANCH REVIEW, CALGARY, ALTA. If you wish a private reply, enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. There is no charge for this service.

Our dog, Rex, took after two coyotes about half a mile from the house. One coyote kept the coming closer and closer to the dog, while the other one stayed behind a little. The first coyote finally got Rex between himself and his mate so then Dad took a hand and shot over the heads of them all. Boy! did those covotes run, each in a different direction.

Ronald Tetarenko. Clashmoor, Sask.





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Hot meals at night make good students

By ANNIE L. GAETZ

THOSE who, as children, have been obliged to carry dinner pails to school, will not soon forget the empty feeling that starts about three in the afternoon and persists until home is reached and the appetite appeased. Children who have not had a hot dinner, should have a hot, appetizing supper to pep them up. They should be well nourished if they are to do their best at school. Often a supper dish can be prepared at noon and heated up at night. some of these dishes:

Chop Suey - Sear over in dripping, a pound or so of beefsteak that has been cut in A cheap cut will do. Add a large onion cut fine and boiling water to cover. Cover and cook slowly on top of stove for 1 hour. Turn into casserole and add a can or less of tomatoes, or a can of tomato soup and left-overs from dinner such as peas, carrots, cabbage, etc., also a handful of barley. Cover and bake in a slow oven for 1 hour. Serve hot.

Meat Balls-1 lb. hamburger, 1 slice bread, 1 chopped onion, 1 egg, milk, salt, pepper. Soak bread in milk, then squeeze out excess moisture and mix all ingredients together. Add a cup or more of mashed potatoes if liked. Form into flat cakes, roll in flour and brown in melted shortening. When well browned, place in casserole and add 1 can of tomato soup which has been heated and thickened a Cover and bake minutes.

Vegetable Soup - Cook carrots, potatoes, onion and a little turnip altogether in saucepan till soft. Rub through the colander. Put milk into double boiler or stew pan; set in pan of hot water; heat just short of boiling point and then stir in the pureed vegetables. Add a dessertspoon of butter or margarine and seasoning stir and cook slowly until all is smooth.

Vegetable Chowder --- 4 potatoes, 3 medium carrots, 3 small onions, 2 cups canned tomatoes or a can of tomato soup, 2 tbsps. butter or margarine, 2 cups milk, 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. pepper, ¼ tsp. soda.

Slice onion fine, cube carrots and potatoes. Cook carrots 20 minutes, add potatoes and cook another 15 minutes, add onion and cook 15 minutes. Mix flour to a paste with the cold milk, add with butter, tomatoes and soda to the cooked vegetables. Add seasoning and stir until all comes to a boil. Serve at once.

Pork and Vegetable Chowder -1 lb. or 2 cups salt pork diced, 2 onions chopped, 1 qt. potatoes diced, 11/2 qts. turnips, carrots, diced or chopped, 2 cups cab-bage chopped, 1 qt. water, 2 cups milk.

Fry the salt pork until crisp, remove from fat and fry onions until lightly browned. Boil the potatoes, turnips and carrots in the water until tender, then add cabbage and boil for a few minutes, then add milk, cooked salt pork, onions, fat, and seasoning. Stir until piping hot and serve.

Bacon and Vegetable Casserole: Cut up small and fry, 4 slices of bacon; turn into casserole and add alternate layers of raw diced carrots, parsnips, onion and potato. Pepper and salt and flour and dot with butter or dripping on each layer. When dish is full, nearly cover with milk and bake 1 hour. Then cover with potato crust.

Potato Crust — 1 cup flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, ½ tsp. salt, blend in ½ cup shortening, and then add 1 cup hot mashed potatoes. Roll to fit the top of casserole and brown in oven.

Chili-Con Carne - 3 medium potatoes, 2 onions, 1 lb. hamburger, 1 can tomato soup, 1 can red kidney beans, 1/4 tsp. chili powder, salt and cayenne to taste. Boil diced potatoes and drain. Chop onion and fry hamburger and onion till seared. Add all ingredients and bake or cook till meat is well done, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Beet Soup — Boil $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. spareribs in 4 qts. water for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Chop fine, 1 large onion, 2 carrots, $\frac{1}{2}$ cabbage, 2 stalks celery, or substitute celery salt, 2 medium-sized beets shredded lengthwise like macaroni. Add all these vegetables to the spareribs. Cook till well done. Add seasoning and 1 tin tomato soup or can of tomatoes. Let boil up, then add 2 cups sour cream. Let come to boil and serve.

Shepherd's Pie-Finely mince or chop leftover meat. Mix with 1 cup cooked vegetables. Place in buttered casserole and pour over gravy or thickened tomato sauce. Season with salt and pepper and cover with creamed mashed potatoes or other cooked chopped vegetables. Dot with butter, place casserole in pan of hot water and bake in moderate

Beef Upside Down Pie - 11/2 cups flour, 3 tsps. baking powder, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. paprika, 1 tsp. celery salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, 5 tblsps. shortening, ¾ cup milk, ¼ cup sliced onions, 1 can tomato soup, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. hamburger or ground raw meat. Sift together dry ingredients, add 3 tblsps. shortening and mix thoroughly with fork. Add milk and stir until blended. Melt remaining shortening in frying pan and cook onion until soft. Add tomato soup and meat and bring to a boil. Spread baking powder mixture on top of meat mixture, and bake in a hot oven for 20 minutes. To serve, turn upside down on large plate.

Fertilizers in Alberta

revised edition of the circular "Fertilizers in Alberta" is now ready for distribu-tion. Prepared by the Alberta Advisory Fertilizer Committee, this circular shows clearly the benefits to be derived from the use of fertilizers and provides official recommendations for their use in Alberta. In addition to producing profitable yield increases, other benefits from the use of fertilizers include promotion of earlier and more uniform maturity of the crop, the reduction of weed growth, anl the maintenance of soil fertility.

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The recommendations contained in the circular are based on results obtained during many years of fertilizer testing under farm conditions. Fertilizers are recommended only on the basis of profitable yield increases. Copies of the circular "Fertilizers in Alberta" may be obtained from district agriculturists, or from the Extension Service, Alberta Department of Agriculture, Edmonton.

"I Saw . . . "

One day while I was walking to the well I saw two roosters fighting. My dog was watching too, when all of a sudden he ran back to where the roosters were fighting. He ran right between them and looked back to see if they were still fighting. parently the roosters still wanted to fight so my dog ran between them again, this time up-setting one of them. That was enough, the other one ran as fast as he could to the barn, and my dog came back to me looking very pleased.

David Friesen, Quill Lake, Sask.

"I Saw . . . "

One afternoon while I was going by a building where we had furniture stored, I heard the most terrible noises. After I went in I saw a rooster fighting with his own reflection in the mirror.

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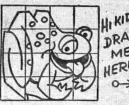
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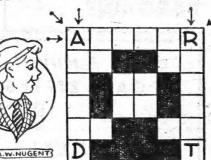
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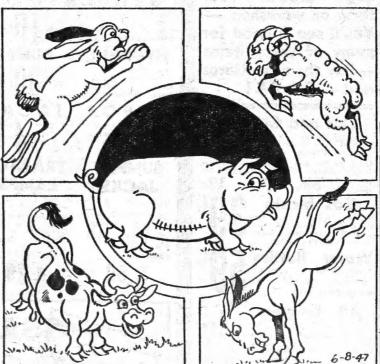


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THE FOUR GIVEN LETTERS FORM THE FIRST AND LAST LETTERS OF FIVE BOYS'NAMES. CAN YOU PRINT THE NECESSARY LETTERS IN THE EMPTY BOXES TO COMPLETE THEM, READING IN THE DIRECTIONS OF THE ARROWS?



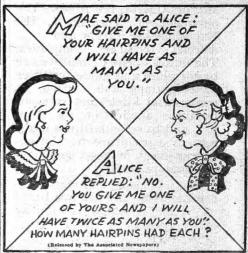
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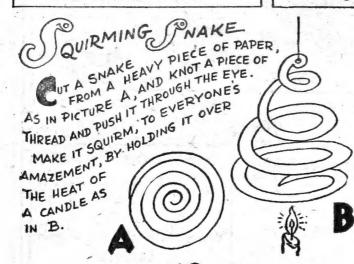


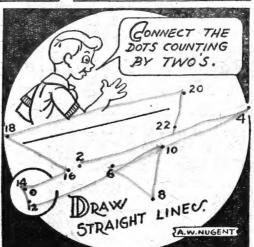
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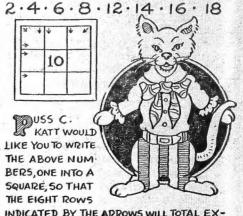
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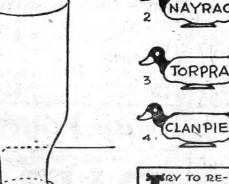


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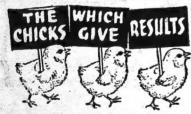
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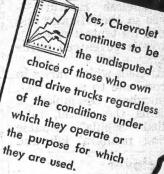
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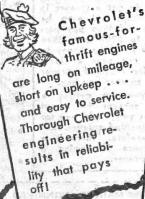
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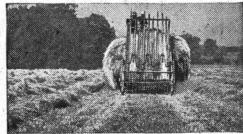
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